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Communicating Knowledge Across Languages

Multilingualism, Science Communication and Professional Engagement in Higher Education

10–11 December 2026

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
Milan, Italy

Thursday 10 December 2026

13:30–14:00	**Registration**
14:00–14:30	**Institutional addresses** **Carlo Maria Gallucci Calabrese,** Director General of UCSC **Federica Missaglia,** Dean of the Faculty of Linguistic Sciences and Foreign Literatures **Maria Teresa Zanola, CELELC President** · Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy *Multilingualism, Science and Society: Connecting Perspectives in Higher Education*

SESSION 1 Language Policies, Linguistic Justice and Institutional Governance

Chair: Roma Kriaučiūnienė, Vilnius University, Lithuania

14:35–14:50	**Bekim Morina and Osman Buleshkaj** · South East European University, Tetovo, North Macedonia *Promoting linguistic diversity through policies and strategies of educational institutions*
14:50–15:05	**Aurélie Joubert** · University of Groningen, Netherlands *'Let's just be pragmatic': language of governance and ideologies at the University of Groningen*
15:05–15:20	**Sejdi M. Gashi and Naim Berisha** · Department of Linguistics, Albanological Institute of Prishtina, Kosovo *One Language, Four Policy Regimes: Albanian in Higher Education Across the Western Balkans*
15:20–15:35	**Majlinda Bregasi and Fitore Qorraj** · University of Prishtina, Kosovo *Mimicking Prestige: English, Identity, and the Erosion of Albanian Among Kosovo's Youth*
15:35–15:50	**Session discussion**
15:50–16:10	**Coffee break**

SESSION 2 Knowledge Communication in Academic and Professional Contexts

Chair: Elena-Margareta Păcurar, Babeș-Bolyai University, Romania

16:10–16:30	**Annalisa Zanola** · Università degli Studi di Brescia, Italy **Giulia Pennisi** · Università degli Studi di Palermo, Italy **Laura Pinnavaia** · Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy *English Linguistics for Academicians and Professionals (ELAP): Rethinking Knowledge Communication in an Age of Multilingualism and AI*
16:30–16:45	**Nicola Pelizzari** · Università degli Studi di Brescia, Italy *What does it mean to write at a health literacy level? Operationalising health literacy as a property of text.*
16:45–17:00	**Răzvan Bădău** · University of Bucharest, Romania *Medical Schools - EHEA*
17:00–17:15	**Session discussion and close of day one**
17:30–18:45	**100th General Assembly**
18:45–20:00	**Cocktail**

Friday 11 December 2026

SESSION 3 AI and Immersive Technologies for Multilingual Learning

Chair: Vilma Bijeikienė, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

09:00–09:15	**Yousra Ouchia, Saliha Amraoui** (Pre-recorded video) · Université Hassan II de Casablanca, Morocco *Les agents conversationnels fondés sur l'IA générative dans l'apprentissage du français de spécialité à l'université : apports et limites* **Greta Mohr** (Pre-recorded video) · University College London, United Kingdom *The Case for Metacognition in Language Learning for Specific Purposes in Academic Contexts*
09:15–09:30	**Giuseppina Calenda** · University of Cagliari, Italy *Whose Knowledge Survives the Prompt? Generative AI and Linguistic Justice in Multilingual Higher Education*
09:30–09:45	**Arailym Maral** · International Information Technology University (IITU), Almaty, Kazakhstan *Exploring the Potential of Virtual Reality to Reduce Foreign Language Speaking Anxiety in Trilingual Higher Education*
09:45–10:00	**Jacopo Parravicini and Marco Biffi** · Università degli Studi di Firenze, Italy *L'université multilingue: hier presque impossible, aujourd'hui praticable à grande échelle. Du principe à l'architecture grâce à la médiation linguistique par l'IA*
10:00–10:20	**Session discussion**
10:20–10:35	**Coffee break**

SESSION 4 Inclusive Pedagogies and Intercultural Knowledge Construction

Chair: Jill Surmont, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

10:35–10:50	**Boipelo Seso** · North-West University, South Africa *Whose Language Counts? Multilingualism, Linguistic Legitimacy and Epistemic Access in Sociology Teaching*
10:50–11:05	**Satone Komoriya** · Tohoku University, Miyagi, Japan *Easy Japanese as an Inclusive Language Practice in Intercultural Collaborative Learning: A Language Management Analysis*
11:05–11:20	**Andres Cordoba** · University of Wisconsin–Madison, United States **Leslie del Carpio** · Indiana University Bloomington, United States *What Counts as Spanish in a Multilingual Classroom? Instructor Responses to Heritage-Speaker Code-Switching*
11:20–11:35	**Tunde Szecsi** · Florida Gulf Coast University, United States **Massimo Meccarelli** · University of Macerata, Italy *Distributed knowledge production through multiple languages, cultures and times: Interdisciplinary COIL project between Italian legal studies and US education students*
11:35–11:50	**Ayoub Bouazizi** · Université Chouaïb Doukkali, El Jadida, Morocco *Interactions langagières et construction des savoirs en sciences dans un contexte bilingue*
11:50–12:05	**Session discussion**
12:05–12:20	**Coffee break**
12:20–12:40	**Closing remarks — Manuel Célio Conceição** · Universidade do Algarve, Portugal

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