

# The Multilingual University: Challenges, Innovations and Future Perspectives

## DAY 1 U-Residence, VUB campus

Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

09:00 – 09:45 Registration U-Residence (VUB campus)

09:45 – 10:00 **Welcome and presentation programme**

10:00 – 11:30 **Plenary panel 1**

**Stef Slembrouck** (Universiteit Gent): **Multilingualism in Higher Education: A Matter of Contextualisation?**

**Luisa Martín Rojo** (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid): **Internationalising Universities: Challenges for Multilingualism and Linguistic Citizenship**  
Q&A

11:30 – 13:00 **Paper Session 1**

**Alexander De Soete** (Universiteit Gent): In Between Regulatory Rigor and the Pragmatics of Reality: Multilingualism in English-Medium Higher Education in Flanders

**Fanny Meunier** (Université Catholique de Louvain): Embodying Pluriliteracies in a Multilingual University

**Tina Čok** (University of Primorska): Slovene, Chinese and Everything in Between: The Impact of Internationalisation and Multilingualism in Higher Education

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 15:00 **Paper Session 2**

**Sarah Van Bulck** (Erasmushogeschool Brussel): Inclusive Multilingual Policy and Internationalisation – How Do We Bring Them Together?

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00 **Paper Session 3**

**Renata Seredyńska** (University of Nottingham): A Conceptual Presentation on a Proposal of a Study of Cultural Differences in Cognition among International Students on Master's Courses in the UK

**An Vande Castele** (Vrije Universiteit Brussel): Enhancing Pragmatic Competence in L2 Spanish Learners: The Role of Discourse Markers and Virtual Exchange

**Yvette Yitong Wang** (University of Warwick): Linguistic Landscapes and the Construction of Institutional Identities

17:00 – 17:30 **Discussion and closing remarks**

## DAY 2 Flemish Parliament

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

09:00 – 09:45 Registration Vlaams Parlement (Room De Schelp)

09:45 – 10:00 **Welcome and presentation programme**

10:00 – 11:30 **Plenary panel 2**

**Panos Athanasopoulos** (Lund University): **Diversifying the Cognitive Sciences in Higher Education: The Case of Multilingualism in the Global South**

**Jean-Marc Dewaele** (1. University of Economics and Human Science; 2. University College London; 3. Birkbeck, University of London): **The Positive Role of Multilingualism in Academic Institutions**

**Q&A**

11:30 – 13:00 **Paper Session 4**

**Ann Peeters** (Vrije Universiteit Brussel): **Multilingual Challenges and Opportunities in European University Alliances: The Case of EUTOPIA**

**Kate Astbury** (University of Warwick) – **Mélina Delmas** (University of Warwick) – **Jo Angouri** (University of Warwick): **Enriching the Student Experience: Internationalisation, Language, and Learning: Global Perspectives (EUTOPIA)**

**Jianwei XU** (Vrije Universiteit Brussel): **Navigating the Intercultural in Internationalising Universities: The Hidden Institutional and Student Discourses in Mobility Exchanges**

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 15:30 **Plenary panel 3**

**Wim Vandenbussche** (Vrije Universiteit Brussel): **Balancing Territoriality and Multilingualism: Language Policy as a Prerequisite for International Ambitions at Flemish Universities**

**Jo Angouri** (University of Warwick): **Multilingualism in Higher Education: Is the Policy/Practice Disconnect Too Wide to Bridge?**

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:00 **Plenary Round Table Discussion: Reimagining Multilingualism in Higher Education: Challenges and Opportunities**

17:00 – 17:30 **Discussion and closing remarks**