

**FOREIGN** LANGUAGES FORUM



**PATRA** | 21 APRIL 2024

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**OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PATRA**

**BOOK EXHIBITION HOURS: 10:00-16:30**

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# Announcing the Foreign Languages Forum Patra - 21 April 2024

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming Foreign Languages Forum, set to take place on 21 April 2024 at the Conference & Cultural Center of the University of Patra.

This forum promises to be a landmark event for language educators, offering an unparalleled opportunity to explore the future of language learning and teaching. **A centerpiece of the forum** will be an engaging **panel discussion** featuring esteemed examiners and interlocutors from various language exam bodies.

It offers a unique chance for educators to gain insights into exam expectations and how to better prepare their students for success.

## **Plenary Sessions: Innovations in Language Teaching**

The forum will also host a series of plenary sessions designed to inspire and inform. Topics include:

**Gamifying Grammar Lessons:** Discover innovative strategies to make grammar lessons more engaging and effective through gamification. This session will provide practical tips and creative ideas to bring the fun back into language learning.

**Accommodating Students with ADHD:** This presentation will focus on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and will highlight the importance of early

diagnosis in children and adolescents. Also the role of the family and school in addressing ADHD will be discussed.

**Professional Presentations:** Stay at the forefront of language teaching with presentations on the latest in ELT Exams and the transformative power of Adaptive Learning with Artificial Intelligence. These sessions will showcase cutting-edge technologies and methodologies that are shaping the future of language education.

**The Foreign Languages Forum in Patra is more than just a conference.** Whether you're an educator, an examiner, or simply a language enthusiast, this forum offers something of value for everyone.

Join us for a day of insightful discussions, innovative ideas, and networking opportunities. Together, we can shape the future of language learning and teaching.

## **Save the date:**

**21 April 2024, Conference & Cultural Center of the University of Patra**

We look forward to welcoming you to an event that promises to be both enlightening and inspiring.

# Programme

09:45 REGISTRATION

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10:00 BOOK EXHIBITION OPENS

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10:15-11:00 Featured Presentation

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**Ασημίνα Αλεξανδροπούλου - Καθηγήτρια Αγγλικών, Ειδική Παιδαγωγός**

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**Το παιδί με ΔΕΠΥ στο σχολείο και στο σπίτι. Πρακτικές συμβουλές για εκπαιδευτικούς και γονείς**

Τόσο η ανατροφή όσο και η εκπαίδευση ενός παιδιού με ΔΕΠΥ αποτελούν μια πρόκληση. Η υπερκινητικότητα, η απροσεξία και η παρορμητική συμπεριφορά που ταλαιπωρούν πρωτίστως το ίδιο το παιδί, ταυτόχρονα δημιουργούν προβλήματα στο οικογενειακό περιβάλλον, ενώ δυσκολεύουν το έργο των εκπαιδευτικών στο σχολείο. Σε αυτή την ομιλία θα γνωρίσουμε τη ΔΕΠΥ και θα παρουσιάσουμε πρακτικές συμβουλές ώστε να βελτιώσουμε την καθημερινότητά μας με το «δεπάκι» τόσο στο περιβάλλον του σπιτιού όσο και στο σχολικό πλαίσιο.

11:05-11:30 Professional Presentation - Burlington Books

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**Irene Rachioti, Marketing Manager, Western Greece, Peloponnese, Burlington Books**

**How can we keep today's students engaged in the classroom?**

**Inspire B1** uses an innovative combination of print and digital material to bring learning to life and life to learning. It includes up-to-date topics that teens can relate to and develops key 21st century competencies, while laying the groundwork for all B2 exams.

**Join In 1** for A Class. Enter Jake and Jodi's online world and encourage students to learn, think and create together. Join In combines adventure stories with real-world information and is packed with engaging and challenging activities that will develop critical and creative thinking as well as enhance all four major language skills.

11:35-12:35 Panel Discussion

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**Sophie Iliopoulou** - BA TESOL, Pg Adv Dip. LD & BP, Dip. TESOL, Gr. Dip. TESOL, MA TESOL

**Stephen John Taylor** - Presenter, Team Leader and Examiner, Trainer

**Katherine Reilly** - Author & Academic Lecturer

**Moderator:** Papadokostaki Hara, EFL Owner - Nafpaktos

**The most common mistakes made by Greek learners in language exams**

This session will discuss language testing, with a specific focus on the most common mistakes made by Greek candidates in language exams.

**12:40-13:05 Professional Presentation - Express Publishing**

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**Mary Diakopoulou, ELT Consultant, Express Publishing**

**Happy Toons for Junior Classes & Express DigiPlus**

**Happy Toons for Junior Classes:** Learning has just become carTOONishly FUN-tastic!

Happy Toons, our brand-new Junior Course, turns learning into a FUN-tastic experience, featuring creative storytelling that instils essential values in young learners! Rooted on STEAM Education, our series integrates authentic documentary-style videos and captivating 3D illustrations and video animations to bring lessons to life and make every concept memorable. Join an inspiring learning adventure fostering empathy, teamwork and creativity, integrated into our Express DigiBooks platform.

**Express DigiPlus:** Adaptive Learning with the Power of Artificial Intelligence!

Harnessing the power of Artificial Intelligence, Express DigiPlus ensures an adaptive learning journey, creating tailor-made lessons, unique for each individual learner's needs and goals. Through a dynamic learning experience enriched with gamification elements, it offers structured tasks, targeted feedback and a chance to use in-class time more effectively.

**13:10-13:35 Professional Presentation - Burlington Books**

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**Irene Rachioti, Marketing Manager, Western Greece, Peloponnese, Burlington Books**

**Burlington VTest for Schools**

**Burlington VTest for Schools:** Redefine success for your young learners! This powerful educational tool uses state-of-the-art adaptive testing technology to assess the four language skills in a fun, student-friendly and motivating way. Students receive personalized feedback to enable teachers to identify strengths, measure progress and set goals.

**13:40-14:25 Featured Presentation**

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**Katherine Reilly - Author & Academic Lecturer**

**Gamification in Grammar, Make Learning Fun for Everyone**

Grammar has been associated throughout the years with blunt memorization of set rules that must be followed to the letter. Such a tedious labor will always act as a deterrent to both learners and educators alike, hindering them from consolidating the focal educational points of the lesson. Gamification is an innovative pedagogical approach that has become an integral aspect to learning as it ignites students' interest in the lesson. Find out how to make your class more engaging by infusing it with techniques that will not only make your students more susceptible to learning, but have an entertaining time doing so.

## 14:30-14:55 Professional Presentation - Butterfly Publishing

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**Vicky Kaperoni** - Special Education English Teacher, CEO and Founder of "Teaching Brightly by Vicky Kaperoni" Language School, MA in Education, PhD Candidate, NLP Practitioner, Business Life Coach, ELT author of Butterfly Publishing

### Shine Bright like Stardust: Empowering Dyslexic Minds

Together, we will explore the unique strengths and challenges associated with dyslexia, gaining a deeper understanding of how it impacts reading, writing, and overall academic performance. But not only that! You will leave feeling empowered and equipped with the knowledge, resources, and confidence to make a positive impact on the lives of students with dyslexia, helping them shine bright like stardust in their academic journey. Because, as you know, we are all made of ...stardust.

## 15:00-15:25 Professional Presentation - Betsis ELT & Macmillan Greece

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**Andrew Betsis** - Author & Publisher

### ELT exams Update 2024

- Virtual Online Classroom through Gateway.
- The latest trends in assessment locally and internationally.
- Online testing & proctoring: pros and cons.
- How many exams at levels B2 & C2 are now available and 'equal' in Greece.
- How long do they last? Do any of them really 'expire'?

## 15:30-16:15 Featured Presentation

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**Stephen John Taylor** - Presenter, Team Leader and Examiner Trainer

### Disappointing Writing Scores: Practical Ways to Up Your Students' Grades

Whatever language examination your students are sitting, no matter what the language or awarding organisation, grades in the Writing paper are frequently disappointing (to say the least!), particularly when compared to grades achieved in the Reading, Listening or Speaking papers. This should not come as a surprise, however: even native speakers generally find it a greater challenge to express their thoughts clearly on the page than vocally. Good writing demands specific skills.

Focusing on the 'paradigm shift' required between B2 and C1/C2, today we shall investigate precisely what is needed for our students to attain a respectable grade in Cambridge English, IELTS and other examinations.

# Exhibition Participants

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