



DIASPORA2025 - REVITALISATION
International and interdisciplinary conference¹

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (Institute of English Studies, Institute of Hungarian Language and Literature) and the **Pécs Regional Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences** are pleased to announce a conference, Revitalization, to be held in Pécs, Hungary. The conference is organized in cooperation with the PTE Rector's Cabinet World Hungarians Network Platform (VMNP) Office and PTE Diaspora Project Network.

Date: 3-4 April, 2025.

Conference venue: MTA PAB – 7624 Pécs, Jurisics Miklós u. 44

The theme of the conference: revitalization experiments - through language, music, dance, literature, cultural anthropology, media, cultural diplomacy, and politics

The conference is not just about revitalization but about the comprehensive and interdisciplinary approach to understanding and applying revitalization. We use tools from different disciplines to maintain and revitalize languages, cultures, and other social phenomena. This approach allows us to look at the achievements and good practices not only of Hungarian communities but also of communities of other languages and cultures. The conference promotes cooperation between the Carpathian Basin and diaspora communities, Hungarian-Hungarian dialogue, and networking.

Keywords: revitalization, revival, ethnolinguistic vitality, endangerment, case studies

Applications for the international and interdisciplinary conference are invited in Hungarian and English from academics, researchers, and practitioners in humanities and social sciences on the following topics:

- *Applied linguistics, language pedagogy:* language preservation programs, ethnolinguistic vitality, language learning methods, development of teaching materials, aids, digitalization, gamification
- *Performative Arts – music, dance, theatre:* revitalization of traditional music and dance forms, theatre performances, revival
- *Literature:* preservation, transmission, and passing on traditional/classical literary works, contemporary literary texts written in the diaspora, intercultural translation, bibliotherapy, reading practices
- *Cultural anthropology:* documentation of community customs and traditions, field research
- *Media, Fashion, Design:* making documentaries, experimental films, radio programs, building community archives, fashion, design
- *Cultural diplomacy:* soft power, dissemination of national values, cultural exports
- *Political science, law:* governmental and institutional (language) policies, programs of NGOs
- *Economics:* the economic value of cultural heritage, material resources, sustainability

The conference is not just a series of lectures but an interactive platform for discussion and learning. It will be held face-to-face and online and feature keynote lectures, multiple thematic sessions, and cultural activities. We encourage active participation and engagement from all attendees.

Presentations should be 20 minutes long, followed by a Q&A at the end of each session.

Abstracts of papers with keywords (maximum 250 words) and a short (100-word) academic CV should be submitted by e-mail to the organizers at diaszpora2025@pte.hu by ~~2 December 2024~~. **Deadline EXTENDED! 7 January 2025.** Please include 'Conference Submission' in the subject line. Participants will be notified of the acceptance of their paper proposals by 14 January 2025. Conference fees include the publication of the conference proceedings, €70 (€30 for students)—**€50** for online participants. We will send later information on registration fee payment, the deadline, the conference program, and the cultural program.

Kind regards, Dr. Jolán Orbán, Dr. Gertrud Szamosi, Dr. Erika Gúti, Dr. Ákos Jarjabka and István Zsolt Prohászka

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