



DIASPORA2023 – COMMUNITIES BEYOND BORDERS

An international and interdisciplinary conference

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (Institute of English Studies, Institute of Hungarian Language and Literature), the **Diaspora Project Network of the University of Pécs** and the **Pécs Regional Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences** are pleased to announce a conference entitled *Communities Beyond Borders*, to be held in Pécs, Hungary, on 4-6 May, 2023.

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

The diasporic autochthonic national minorities are communities formed in geographically distant places, with membership extending across several generations and different cultural groups. These attachments are also shaped/constituted in a spiritual space, an important medium that extends to the fields of linguistic, cultural, literary, and artistic creation. The aim of the conference is to explore the diverse cultural heritage of diaspora communities and to foster community awareness, networking and intergenerational links.

Applications for the international and interdisciplinary conference are invited in Hungarian and English on the following topics:

- *theoretical and practical challenges of diaspora studies*
- *diaspora policy(s) - mainland policy(s) – history and development of Hungarian and other language diasporas, political and legal attitudes*
- *the role of community building, diaspora organizations and actors (NGOs), networking for the preservation of language and culture*
- *cultural memory and heritage*
- *trauma processing*
- *identity and language use*
- *art and creativity in literature, theatre, music, visual arts and other forms*

The conference will also include workshops on the following topics:

- *Hungarian education in diaspora (curricula, teaching materials, successful practices)*
- *Language learning as a board game (board games, dramatic games, cultural identities)*
- *Building and operating networks (communication and networking between the motherland and diaspora communities)*
- *Archiving cultural and family heritage (creating digital archives)*

The conference will take place in face-to-face and online formats. The intended program will feature keynote lectures, multiple thematic sessions, panel discussions and cultural activities. In addition to academic presentations, we welcome applications in the form of posters and round table discussions. Presentations should be 20 minutes long, to be followed by 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 organisers diaszpora2023@pte.hu by **10 December 2022**. Participants will be notified of the acceptance of their paper proposals by 10 January, 2023.

Conference fees, which also includes the publication of the conference proceedings:

€70 (€30 for students) - €50 for online participants.

Information on how to pay the registration fee, the deadline, the conference program and the cultural program will be sent out at a later date.

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