

Mingachevir State University

International Scientific Conference “Contemporary Issues in Language, Education, and Research”

May 18-19, 2026

On May 18-19, 2026, upon the initiative of the Department of Foreign Languages of Mingachevir State University, an International Scientific Conference titled “Contemporary Issues in Language, Education, and Research” will be held with the aim of developing academic cooperation between Mingachevir State University and Dokuz Eylul University, one of the prestigious higher education institutions of the Republic of Türkiye.

In the modern era, the discussion of scientific research conducted in the fields of language teaching, applied linguistics, educational technologies, academic writing, and research methodology, the exchange of academic experience, and the application of contemporary pedagogical approaches are of great importance. In this regard, the organization of this conference will serve as an important scientific platform for discussing actual academic issues in higher education and strengthening international academic cooperation.

Academic staff representing higher education and research institutions, as well as doctoral students, dissertation candidates, master’s students, young researchers, and students are invited to participate in the conference.

Conference Topics:

I. Teaching and Learning English

- Modern methods and approaches in English language teaching
- Communicative language teaching and interactive learning strategies
- Development of foreign language skills (listening, speaking, reading, writing)
- Assessment and evaluation methods in language teaching

II. Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies

- Theoretical and practical aspects of applied linguistics
- Discourse analysis and functional features of texts
- Language and society: sociolinguistic approaches
- Discourse strategies in modern communication environments

III. Translation and Intercultural Communication

- Translation theory and practice
- Problems in translating literary and specialized texts
- Intercultural communication and language factors
- The role of translation in the context of globalization

IV. Educational Technologies and Digital Learning

- Application of digital technologies in education
- Online and hybrid learning models
- Development and use of electronic educational resources
- The role of artificial intelligence and digital platforms in teaching

V. Teacher Education and Professional Development

- Modern approaches in teacher education
- Development of pedagogical skills and methodological competencies
- Continuous professional development and teacher reflection
- Evaluation and quality assurance of teaching performance

VI. Academic Writing and Research Methodology

- Principles and structure of academic writing
- Scientific research methods and methodology
- Techniques for writing research articles and dissertations
- Adherence to academic ethics and citation rules

VII. Language Policy and Planning

- Theoretical foundations of language policy
- Language planning in multilingual societies
- The role of language policy in the education system
- Issues of preserving national languages in the context of globalization

VIII. Multilingualism and Second Language Acquisition (SLA)

- Theories of second language acquisition
- Language learning strategies in multilingual environments
- Psycholinguistic and sociolinguistic approaches
- Early foreign language learning and its characteristics

ARTICLE FORMAT REQUIREMENTS

Structure and Layout of the Article

Working language of the conference: English

Formatting requirements:

The text must be prepared in A4 format (210×297 mm) using MS Word, Times New Roman font size 12, line spacing 1.15, paragraph spacing 1.0 pt, and margins of 2.0 cm on all sides.

- The length of the submitted material (article or thesis): 5-10 pages

- Title of the article (uppercase, bold, centered, font size 12)
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- Keywords (5–7 words, font size 11) in two languages: English and either Azerbaijani or Turkish
- Abstract (150–250 words, font size 11) in two languages: English and either Azerbaijani or Turkish

Main structure of the article:

- Abstract
- Introduction
- Materials and Methods
- Results and Discussion
- Conclusion

REFERENCES

The reference list must be provided at the end of the article in alphabetical order (font size 12).

Format: Author's surname, A. A. (Year). Title. Source details. DOI or URL

Book

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Example: Mammadov, E. (2021). *Modern Linguistic Theories*. Baku Publishing House.

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Journal Article

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Conference Proceedings

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Authors must submit a plagiarism report (from any anti-plagiarism software) together with their abstract. The similarity index must not exceed 25%.

Conference proceedings will be published collectively. Only one abstract per author (as author or co-author) will be accepted.

Articles must be submitted by May 1, 2026, to: cier.editorial@mdu.edu.az

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