

International Symposium on Language Education in Higher Education 2026

“LSP in Times of Change”

(Preliminary programme)

Friday, 6 November 2026

Venue: Estonian Academy of Security Sciences, Main Campus Kase 61, Tallinn

09:00–09:30	Registration of participants and morning coffee (on-site only)	
	Opening session <i>Room A-108 (Prof. Eduard Raska Auditorium), Online</i>	
09:30–09:45	Welcoming remarks - Ms Elen Laanemaa, Head of the Language Centre of the Estonian Academy of Security Sciences - Ms Riin Tamm, Vice-Rector for Research of the Estonian Academy of Security Sciences	
	Plenary sessions <i>(Plenary length: 45 min + 15 min Q&A)</i> <i>Room A-108 (Prof. Eduard Raska Auditorium), Online</i>	
09:45–10:45	Plenary I: Mr Cédric Sarré, Professor of Applied Linguistics at Sorbonne Université (INSPÉ) – LSP at a Crossroads in the AI Era: Redefining Complexity, Mapping Trends and Augmenting Corpus-Driven Pedagogy	
10:45–11:00	Stretch break	
11:00–12:00	Plenary II: Ms Jaanika Jaanits, Anthropologist, Junior Research Fellow in Sustainable Mobility (University of Tartu) – Between Stories: An Anthropological Approach to Change and the Messy Middle	
12:00–13:00	Lunch	
	Parallel sessions I and II <i>(Presentation length: 15 min + 5 min Q&A)</i>	
13:00–14:00	Session I: LSP through sociocultural perspectives, identity, and discourse <i>Room A-108 (Prof. Eduard Raska Auditorium), Online</i>	Session II: LSP needs in professional context: security, leadership and workplace <i>Room A-109</i>
13:00–13:20	Sachin Wanniarachchi & Sayed Karim – “The myth of professional English: rethinking LSP from the Global South” (University of Ottawa, Canada) – Online	Helena Metslang & Lea Kreinin – “Needs analysis for defining military survival LSP” (University of Tartu, Estonia)
13:20–13:40	Dace Aleksandraviča – “English, imagined futures, and identity: European students’ perceptions of English in higher education” (University of Latvia, Latvia)	Anna Hainoja (& co-presenter?) – “Julgus eksida ja julgus juhtida” (in Estonian, translated as “The courage to make mistakes and the courage to lead”) (Estonian Military Academy, Estonia)
13:40–14:00	Carmen Pérez-Llantada – “From ‘expert’ to ‘call to action’: shaping authorial selves in SciComm genres online” (University of Zaragoza, Spain) – Online	Valentyna Afanasyeva – “Teaching English for a diverse group of adult production workers: combining terminology and soft skills” (Tallinn Pelgulinna State Secondary School, NGO Centre “Just Speak It”, Estonia)
14:00–14:15	Coffee break	

	Parallel sessions III and IV <i>(Presentation length: 15 min + 5 min Q&A)</i>	
14:15–15:15	Session III: Terminology development and translation skills in professional contexts <i>Room A-109, Online</i>	Session IV: LSP pedagogy and course design: materials, genres, and learner practices <i>Room A-108 (Prof. Eduard Raska Auditorium), Online</i>
14:15–14:35	Henrik Nilsson – “Practice and exercises – current challenges in terminology teaching” (CAG Consoden/EAFT & Linnaeus University, Sweden)	Aleksandra Janković, Marija Meršnik, & Jelena Andelković – “Representation of cultural elements in an undergraduate ESP coursebook” (University of Belgrade, Faculty of Organizational Sciences, Serbia) – Online
14:35–14:55	Ere Saar – “Towards a systematic and collaborative approach to developing aviation terminology in Estonian” (Estonian Aviation Academy, Estonia)	Vesna Prodanovska-Poposka & Marija Todorova – “Languages for Specific Purposes in higher education: student perspectives on professional relevance and learning practices” (University St. Kliment Ohridski-Bitola / Goce Delčev University of Štip, North Macedonia)
14:55–15:15	Jekaterina Maadla – “Translation awareness in AI-driven contexts: rethinking language teaching for professional purposes” (Tallinn University, Estonia)	Cláudia Alexandra Moreira da Silva – “Teaching textual genres to future mediators learning Portuguese – the CV, the letter and the interview” (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)
	Concluding session <i>Room A-108 (Prof. Eduard Raska Auditorium), Online</i>	
15:20–15:50	Panel discussion “From constriction to innovation: coping with times of change”	