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Department of English Studies
University of Bielsko-Biala, Poland
is pleased to announce the international conference:

Rethinking Directions in Language Teaching and Researching

Bielsko-Biala, 8th -9th June 2017

Call for papers

The willingness to retake old and indicate new directions has always been a central part of the *raison d'être* of scientific inquiry. Phenomena such as language teaching and researching are no exception to this rule. However, the emergence of novelties in the study and teaching of language is possible only by building on the solid foundations of what has already been achieved. This is actually where inspiration originates and exploration begins – on the grounds of and in the gaps between the portions of the scientific legacy stemming from the contributions of other scholars.

With a view to the above, the aim of this conference is to bring together researchers in the fields of linguistics, translation and teaching to share their research achievements, discuss topics of interest and exchange views on various aspects of English language studies.

The list of topics includes but is not limited to:

- technological advances in foreign language teaching and learning,
- language acquisition and learning in a variety of contexts,
- manifestations of linguistic creativity in speech, writing and translation,
- translational problems and solutions of different genres of texts,
- typical and atypical conventions of Academic Discourse,
- synchronic and diachronic analyses of discourse phenomena,
- nuances of communicating through *English as a lingua franca* (ELF).

While priority will be given to research-based contributions on these themes, other contributions are also welcome.

Keynote speakers:

prof. Olga Dontcheva-Navrátilová, Masaryk University, the Czech Republic

prof. Renata Povolná, Masaryk University, the Czech Republic

prof. Julia Hüttner, University of Southampton, UK



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Abstract submission guidelines:

We invite submissions for paper presentations. All submissions should be made in English. Papers will be allocated 20 minutes plus 10 minutes for questions.

The registration form is available on the conference website:

<http://rethinkingdirections.weebly.com/>.

The form should be sent to the conference e-mail: <rethinkingdirections@gmail.com> by the **10th March 2017** (extended deadline).

Notification of acceptance will be sent by **15th March 2017**.

Registration and fee:

The conference fee is **330 PLN or 75 euro** and **290 PLN or 65 euro** for PhD students. It covers lunch, coffee breaks, participation certificate, conference materials and the costs of the conference publication (a monograph).

The conference fee should be paid by bank transfer to the account number provided on the conference website by **30 March 2017**. The costs of the foreign bank transfer need to be covered by the conference participant.

A peer-reviewed selection of papers will be published. Details of publication will be announced during the conference.

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