

Dear Colleagues,

Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University will host the XX International Conference on Literary Studies on September 25-26, 2025. The Conference will be dedicated to the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Department of World Literature and Theory of Literature, as well as to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University.

### **Literature and Multicultural Experience: Spaces of Dialogue**

In terms of globalization processes that promote the active crossing of cultural, linguistic, and national boundaries, there arises a need for new analytical approaches to understanding literature as a dynamic space of intercultural communication, transnational exchange and interaction, the space that both reflects and shapes contemporary hybrid identities<sup>1</sup>. Given the growing significance of transcultural and transnational vectors in the humanities<sup>2</sup>, it is important to rethink the role of literature in constructing a space for dialogue between cultures, traditions, and ideologies<sup>3</sup>. Particular emphasis should be laid on literary narratives that serve as the representations of the “Other”, as well as on the functional mechanisms through which literary texts contribute to the development of multicultural consciousness and a tolerant worldview. The Conference will offer a platform to discuss literature as a multicultural space of dialogue along the following thematic areas:

1. Literary Narratives of the Multicultural Space (literary representation of the “Other”; mythopoetics and local identities; multicultural (multinational) literature of Bukovyna).
2. Transculturality and Transnationality in Literature (writers in exile and the diaspora; cultural mobility and hybrid identities; translation as a form multicultural dialogue).
3. Intercultural Poetics and Comparative Literary Studies (dialogue of cultures in literary texts; typological parallels in world literatures; intertextuality as a form intercultural interaction).
4. Literary Studies and Tolerance: the Ethics of Reading (inclusivity in the literary canon; gender, ethnic, and religious representation; postcolonial and decolonial studies).
5. Generative Artificial Intelligence as the “Other” in the Course of Creating, Reading, and Interpreting Literary Texts (the ethics of human – machine interaction in literary discourse; artificial intelligence as a new literary interpreter and mediator).

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<sup>1</sup> Поліщук, Я. *Гібридна топографія. Місця й не-місця в сучасній українській літературі*. Чернівці : Книги – XXI, 2018, 272 с.

<sup>2</sup> Gilsenan Nordin, I., Hansen, J., & Zamorano Llena, C. (Eds.). (2013). *Transcultural Identities in Contemporary Literature*. Leiden : Brill, 284 p. <https://doi.org/10.1163/9789401209878>

<sup>3</sup> Рихло П. *Поетика діалогу. Творчість Пауля Целана як інтертекст*. Київ : Дух і Літера, 2021, 424 с.; Рихло П. *«Урвані струни прегучної ліри...»: Німецько-єврейські поети Буковини*. Київ : Дух і Літера, 2023, 208 с.

The Conference will be held in a mixed format.

To participate in the Conference, please submit your application forms to the Department's e-mail address ([zarteorlit@chnu.edu.ua](mailto:zarteorlit@chnu.edu.ua)) by September 5, 2025.

*Application format:*

- ✓ Name and surname.
- ✓ Academic degree, academic title, position, affiliation.
- ✓ Contact e-mail address and phone number.
- ✓ Title of the presentation, with an indication of the relevant thematic area.
- ✓ Abstract of the presentation (4000 - 5000 printed characters with spaces).
- ✓ Preferred format of participation (online/offline).

Participants will be notified about the inclusion of their presentations in the Conference program by September 10.

*Languages of the conference:* Ukrainian, English, Bulgarian, German, Polish, Romanian, French, Czech.

A special issue of the scholarly journal *Problems of Literary Criticism* is planned based on the conference materials. For article formatting requirements, see: [pytlit.chnu.edu.ua](http://pytlit.chnu.edu.ua)

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