

Mother Languages & Multilingualism in Education



11:00 – 11:15: Registrations/Εγγραφές στη Γραμματεία του Συμποσίου

11:15 – 11:30: Welcome and Opening Greetings

Opening Greetings from the Rector of the International Hellenic University
Stamatis Aggelopoulos

Opening Greetings from the Vice-Rector of Internationalisation, Public
Affairs, and Digital Governance
Konstantinos Diamantaras

Opening Greetings from the Dean of the School of Social Sciences,
International Hellenic University
Evriliki Zachopoulou

Opening Greetings from the Head of the Department of Early Childhood
Education and Care, International Hellenic University
Maria Tsitiridou Evangelou

11:40 - **Hanna Ragnarsdóttir, University of Iceland, Iceland**
Collaboration of Multilingual Families and Schools: Opportunities and
Challenges.

12:00 - **Mila Schwartz, Oranim College of Education, Israel**
“When I see them - I think it’s me:” Multilingual teaching staff’s agency
enactment in a linguistically and culturally diverse classroom.”

12:15 - **Beatriz Cortina-Pérez, University of Granada, Spain** What
should an educator know to promote multilingualism in early
childhood education?

12:30 - **Isaak Papadopoulos, International Hellenic University, Greece**
A celebration of languages and culture in early childhood education: From theory to
pedagogical implementation of activities for emergent multilingual literacy.

12:45 - **Julie Waddington, University of Girona, Catalonia**
Rethinking the ideal native speaker educator.

13:00 - **Faidra Faitaki, University of Oxford, U.K.**
Linguistic benefits of supporting the mother tongue: Lessons from Greek
preschool immersion programmes.

13:15 - **Nathalia Natsias PhD Candidate (Supervisors: Pauline Harris and Amy
Farndale), University of South Australia**
Fostering Young Children’s Multilingual Literacies: A Critical Participatory Action
Research Study with Early Childhood Educators.



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