

## **7<sup>th</sup> ICLHE Conference 2021**



# **EMI, ICLHE and Englishization: Reflecting on the changing university**

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**The 7th ICLHE Conference is hosted by Maastricht University (Netherlands) from 19th to 22nd October 2021. ICLHE stands for Integrating Content and Language in Higher Education, a spearhead international Association devoted to educational practice and research at the interface of content and language. The strand of research dates back to the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.**

Universities have changed rapidly in the past two decades. One of the most visible and controversial changes concerns the language of instruction. English has become a key factor in the internationalization of universities. English-medium instruction or EMI, as it is commonly known, is seen by many as the means through which universities demonstrate the extent of their internationalization. EMI is perceived both as a sign of Englishization of higher education and as an opportunity for students in an ever-globalizing world.

The focus of the 7<sup>th</sup> ICLHE Conference is on teaching and learning through an additional language in line with the evolution of the classic themes of earlier Conferences. The 2021 Conference highlights the language that has become dominant in many spheres, English, and how English is impacting on the classroom, the key actors involved, the university and society, including other languages of learning. English has become a central factor in the internationalization of universities. English-

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The 7<sup>th</sup> Conference aims to delve into the effects on other languages, including the effects of learning and teaching through a language other than English when English for example becomes an additional instructional language in an already existing bi- or trilingual instructional context.

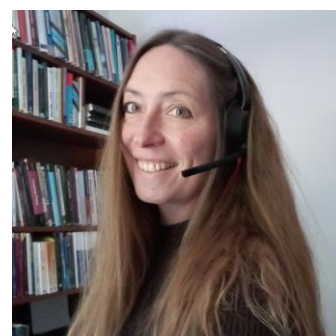
Keynote speakers at the Conference:



**Professor Aminata Cairo**  
(The Hague)



**Professor Philippe Van Parijs**  
(UCL Louvain-La Neuve)



**Dr Kristina Hultgren**  
(Open University UK)

The conference will focus on the nature of knowledge, on the status of a language as academic language, on the design and quality of teaching and learning, and on national and local cultural identity. It is important to reflect on the impact of EMI and Englishization in the past two or three decades, but also on its impact now and what the future might look like.

The conference offers five tracks addressing the following themes:

- Language, status, and identity
- Policy
- Impacts of English-medium instruction
- The nature of knowledge, power and EMI
- The silent voices of *other* languages

**We invite you to submit proposals for conference papers, colloquia, workshops and posters. The Call for Abstracts is now open via the website. Deadline: 28 February 2021.**

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**Conference Chair: Dr. René Gabriëls, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

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