

5<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the University of Banja Luka English Department

CELLS – CONFERENCE ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERARY STUDIES

## RECLAIMING NORMALCY

### **Discourse(s) of Healing in Language, Literature, Culture and Translation Studies**

Banja Luka, September 9 and 10, 2022

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

The English Department, Faculty of Philology, University of Banja Luka, is pleased to announce the fifth conference on the English language and literary studies *CELLS: Reclaiming Normalcy: Discourse(s) of Healing in Language, Literature, Culture and Translation Studies*.

The aim of the conference is to provide an international forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences across the fields of English language and literary studies, with particular emphasis on cross-disciplinary and interdisciplinary issues raised in the fields of literature, culture, linguistics, translation studies and applied linguistics.

COVID-19 has affected our conference in three different ways: first, we have been forced to postpone it for a year; second, it has made us decide to hold it online this year; and third, it has influenced the choice of our conference theme. Since this pandemic has brought back into focus the questions of life, death and health, we have chosen to dedicate this year's conference to the process of overcoming different stressful and difficult situations, healing both in body and soul, and returning to our normal lives.

Topics might include (but are not limited to):

- Healing through reading and writing – literature as a therapeutic tool
- Art for health's sake – healing through the consumption and creation of beautiful objects
- Arts and crafts – curing one's mind through the development of new skills
- Escaping into the screen – binge watching and zooming
- Going back to "the green world" – nature as a healer
- Talking one's way back to health – the power of conversation and therapy
- It takes a village – the importance of family, friends and community in the process of healing

- Speaking about health – the language of advice, recommendation and instruction
- Mens sana – recovering mental health with the help of hope, faith and positive thoughts
- In corpore sano – walking, exercising and physical activity as building blocks of good health
- You are what you eat – raising awareness about the role of food in restoring one’s health
- In science we trust – official medicine as a road to recovery
- Reclaiming normalcy – recuperating, recovering, and getting one’s life back on the track
- Reading is believing – the power of the media and language
- Portraying repair – practices in post-crisis communication
- Conceptualization in discourse and reality
- Perception, cognition and personality-shaping processes
- Ideation, metaphors and meaning – how and why we perceive the world by means of specific modalities
- The real, unreal and surreal in the mind and on the ground

**Venue:** remotely/ online (the selected platform TBA)

The official language of the conference is English.

#### SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Please send an abstract of up to 300 words (MS Word for Windows, .doc or .docx formats) to the following e-mail address: [cells@ff.unibl.org](mailto:cells@ff.unibl.org)

Abstracts should be anonymous containing only the name of the paper, the body of the abstract and references.

Please send the following information in the body of the e-mail:

- (1) Title of the paper
- (2) Name of the author(s)
- (3) Affiliation of the author (s)
- (4) Key words
- (5) E-mail address
- (6) Bio note (no more than 100 words)

#### IMPORTANT DATES

30<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 Deadline for Submission of Abstracts

20<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 Notification of Acceptance

30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 Registration

## CONFERENCE FEE

The conference fee is 30 euros (EUR) or 60 Bosnian convertible marks (BAM) for all participants.

The fee covers:

- organizational costs
- a certificate of attendance
- a book of abstracts
- a book of proceedings

A selection of papers will be published after the conference.

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We look forward to your proposals.

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