



11th EDILIC Conference

Convenor: Faculty of Education in Cooperation with the Faculty Research Centre “Literacy in Diversity Settings – LiDS”, Universität Hamburg (Germany)
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Conference Theme: Plurilingual Literacies in Education: Pluralistic Approaches Inside and Beyond the Classroom

Keynote speakers

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Rationale

Plurilingual literacy, as a concept generally underscoring the abilities of the plurilingual individual in handling discourses produced across diverse languages, modes and contexts (Cuenat, Manno & Desgrippes, 2020), plays a pivotal role in fostering critical thinking, communication skills, and social participation and inclusion. In this sense, (plurilingual) literacies and literacy events, as stated by Stavans and Hoffmann, “involve much more than the techniques of encoding and decoding written language” (2015, p. 255; see also Breuer, Lindgren, Stavans & Van Steendam, 2021; Molinié & Moore, 2012; Moore, 2020; Rispaill, 2011).

In this edition of the EDILIC conference, we approach plurilingual literacies from a double, interrelated perspective: on the one hand, plurilingual literacies might be conceived as a goal of education; on the other hand, they might be seen as an asset



and a starting point to design pedagogical scenarios and learning paths. Regardless of favouring one of these goals, or combining both, there is a need to consider that pluralistic approaches (Candelier et al, 2012) can contribute to the development and maximisation of individuals' plurilingual literacies. This is because they mobilise different languages, registers and linguistic varieties, whether in formal, informal or non-formal educational environments. Both qualitative and quantitative research across different contexts (Marx, 2020; Moore, 2020) provide evidence that pluralistic approaches contribute to various aspects of language learning. The benefits of activating literacy in different languages, both simultaneously or sequentially, range from vocabulary and grammar learning in specific target languages to development of language awareness and other transversal competences (Breuer et al, 2021; Cuenat et al, 2020; Helmchen & Melo-Pfeifer, 2018; Kirsch & Duarte, 2020; Lau et al, 2021).

This approach to the concept of plurilingual literacies can be seen alongside recent conceptual approaches to multiliteracies. This concept refers to pedagogical approaches in education that go beyond traditional literacy skills (reading and writing) to encompass a range of literacies, including digital literacy, spatial and sensorial literacies, media literacy, information literacy, and plurilingual and cultural literacy (Abendroth-Timmer & Henning, 2014; Brisson et al, 2021; Cope & Kalantzis, 2009, 2015 and 2000; Mills, 2016; New London Group, 1996). (Multi)literacy/ies education empowers individuals to become critical users and creators of information, effective communicators, and active participants in their communities and society at large, thus potentially promoting social justice and more equitable learning environments (Tavares, 2024).

The 11th EDILIC conference examines innovative approaches to plurilingual literacies that acknowledge and embrace the rich diversity of learners, teachers and educators, communities and contexts. It aims to explore diverse theoretical perspectives, methodologies and practices in the field of plurilingual literacies in education. This encompasses both traditional classroom settings and a broader understanding of societal contexts. In order to address the above-mentioned issues, concerns and research areas, the 11th EDILIC conference will be organised around three thematic strands:

Strand 1. Policies

This thematic strand is concerned with policies intended to foster, implement and evaluate plurilingual literacies, focusing on processes and/or the outcomes of such processes. Themes of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Curriculum design for plurilingual literacies;
- Principles and design of teacher education programmes;



- Policies for assessment and evaluation of plurilingual literacy and multiliteracies.

Strand 2. Student and teacher education

This thematic strand relates to plurilingual literacies' practices as enacted both in regular schooling (K-12) and in (pre- and in- service) teacher education, in diverse educational settings and across the curriculum and educational paths. Themes of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Teaching and learning plurilingually in formal and informal contexts;
- Plurilingual literacy practices at school, in non-formal educational settings (e.g. early childhood education and care), informal and/or diverse educational settings (e.g. bilingual education, special education);
- Culturally and linguistically responsive teaching strategies in foreign language subjects;
- Culturally and linguistically responsive teaching strategies across school subjects;
- Teacher education and plurilingual literacy;
- Assessment practices and outcomes.

Strand 3. Research and dissemination: plurilingual literacy and other heuristic constructs

This thematic area aims at sharing research findings on emergent research themes, methodologies or lenses to scrutinise plurilingual literacy. Authors should present and discuss innovative approaches to (research about) plurilingual literacy and related heuristic constructs. Themes of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Plurilingual literacy, community engagement and service learning;
- Plurilingual literacy, participation and social justice;
- Plurilingual literacy and education for sustainable development;
- Plurilingual literacy in the context of multiliteracy pedagogies;
- Researching plurilingually about plurilingual literacy.

Call for papers and submission guidelines

The 11th EDILIC Conference invites researchers, educators and practitioners to submit original research papers, ideally combining a solid review of the literature with a sound analysis of case studies, intervention studies, or innovative teaching practices aligned with the conference themes and its sub-themes. Submissions should contribute to our understanding of how pluralistic approaches can enhance plurilingual literacy



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development and empower learners, teachers and communities across various contexts.

Presentation formats

- Organised symposia (90-minute slot including one symposium presentation, three individual presentations and discussion);
- Individual papers (20-minute presentation plus 10 minutes for discussion);
- Workshops (90-minute slot, including theoretical background and hands-on work);
- Pitch presentations (five-minute individual presentations, which will be integrated into two timeslots in the programme, followed by a discussion moderated by a member of the EDILIC committee)

Please note: All presentation formats should be **bilingual** (including English, French and/or German).

Submission guidelines

- Abstracts should be no more than 300 words (excluding references).
- All submissions must adhere to the APA7 citation style.
- Please submit your abstract by 15th November 2024 via the conference website:
 - ew.uni-hamburg.de/en/edilic2025 (English; you can toggle between languages in the upper right corner of the website).
- Abstracts should be bilingual, including English, French and/or German.

Contact: edilic2025.ew@uni-hamburg.de

Publication

The organisers plan to publish the full papers of the 11th EDILIC Conference 2025. Further information will follow soon.

Important dates

- Abstract submission deadline: 15th November 2024
- Notification of acceptance: 10th January 2025
- Registration (early-bird fee): from 1st January to 28th February 2025
- Registration (regular fee): from 1st March to 30th June 2025
- Submission of full papers/chapters for publication: 31st January 2026



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Practical information

Events during the conference (optional):

- 23rd July: conference get-together with music, finger food and drinks
- 24th July: association discussion spaces (for association committees and for local representatives) + general meeting of EDILIC associates
- 25th July: guided visits

Conference venue: The conference will be held at the Faculty of Education of the Universität Hamburg (Germany). Participants are invited to bring pastries, biscuits and other snacks from their regions for the enjoyment of their colleagues.

Conference fees:

- registration (early-bird fee): 140 € (EDILIC members); 80 € (student); 200 € (non-EDILIC members)
- registration (normal fee): 190 € (EDILIC members); 130 € (student); 250 € (non-EDILIC members)
- conference get-together, with music, drinks and finger food (23rd July): 50 € (EDILIC and non-EDILIC members) and 25 € (student)

To become a member of EDILIC and benefit from discounted registration, proceed as indicated on the association's website: <https://en.edilic.org/copie-de-devenir-membre-1>

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