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International Seminar

Transcultural and Transnational Perspectives on Children's and Young Adult Literature

(Reading – Experiences – Emotions. Books for Children and Young Adults – Theory and Practice of Reception [X])

organized by the Faculty of Letters and the Faculty of Languages, Literatures and Cultures

Institute of Polish Studies, Pl. Nankiera 15b
Nehring Hall (room 22)
October 22, 2025

9.00 - 9.15 – Opening

9:15-12:30 - **"Excellence Initiative – Research University" (IDUB) – Keynote lectures**

9:15-10:05

Åse Marie Ommundsen (Oslo Metropolitan University) – "Captivated by the Text: Cognitively Challenging Picturebooks and Inclusive Education"

10:10-11:00

Xavier Mínguez-López (University of Valencia) – "It's the Teacher, Not the Book: Rethinking the Role of Literature in Intercultural Education"

11:05-12:00

Georgia (Tzina) Kalogirou (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) – "Migrants, Nomads and Identity in Children's Literature"

12:00-12:30 Discussion

12:30-12:45 Coffee break

12:45-14:00 **Session 1**

Wojciech Małeckie (University of Wrocław) – “Measuring the Power of Story: An Empirical Framework”

Vasiliki Oikonomopoulou (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) – “Intercultural Readings of Children's Books on Cultural Diversity”

Anastasia Ulanowicz (University of Florida) – “Chrystyna Lucyk-Berger's *Swimming with Spies* and the Role of North American Publishers in Representations of the Russia-Ukraine War”

Anna Kobylowska (University of Wrocław) – “Young People and Sociopolitical Shifts: The Cold War, the LGBTQ+ Community, and Chinese Americans in American Historical Fiction”

14:00-15:00 Lunch break

15:00-16:20 **Session 2**

Michał Wolski (University of Wrocław) – “Marvel's Inhumanity: A Contemporary Approach to Multiculturalism and Migration in Comics”

Mateusz Świetlicki (University of Wrocław) - “We're All in this Together: Transnational Immigrant Families in Canadian Children's Historical Fiction”

Dorota Michułka (University of Wrocław) – “Childhood (Re)constructed. Memory, Myth and Reality in Contemporary Polish Literature for Young Adults [based on the novels *Strupki* by Paulina Jóźwik (2019) and *Nigdzie* by Małgorzata Boryczka (2022)]”

16:30-17:00

Special Event: 15th Anniversary Jubilee of *Filoteknos*



17:30 Dinner

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