

## Call for Submissions

Autumn special issue of *ELOPE: English Language Overseas Perspectives and Enquiries*

### English in Central Europe

With its international prominence in today's world, English is in contact (to greater or lesser degrees) with most languages and societies around the globe, with the results of that contact varying from location to location, depending on both the linguistic and the socio-cultural factors of the particular local context. This special issue of *ELOPE* to be published in December 2022 focuses on the presence of English specifically in Central Europe and its interaction with the languages and societies of the region.

Central Europe may be a concept that is difficult to pin down geographically and politically, since it is in some cases defined by historical roots (despite differences in 20th-century social and political developments), while other conceptualisations build specifically on more recent commonalities of experience (in the last 50-100 years). At the same time the concept remains in use precisely because it is a useful one, in that it captures an area with some common socio-cultural traditions that in many ways create a recognizable milieu and a feeling of familiarity. This can extend to the manner in which English is received and welcomed, as a means not only of communication but also of participation in the global culture.

For this special issue of *ELOPE* on **English in Central Europe**, we invite research that examines all aspects of English language use in Central European contexts across all fields of linguistic investigation (historical, sociolinguistic, structural, acquisitional, etc.) including, but not limited to, the following areas:

- variation and change in linguistic structures of local language(s) induced by contact with English;
- contact varieties of English developed through contact with local language(s);
- history of English language use in local context(s);
- English in competition with local language(s) across societal domains of use;
- societal reception of the use of English in local context(s);
- English as a lingua franca in Central European context(s);
- acquisition of English and acquired societal bilingualism;
- *and many more areas...*

**Manuscript submission deadline: 15 May 2022.**

General submission guidelines:

- The language of contributions is English.
- Manuscripts should be between 5,000 and 8,000 words in length, with a short abstract of no more than 150 words.
- All submitted papers must follow the ELOPE Author Guidelines:  
<https://revije.ff.uni-lj.si/elope/about/submissions>
- Manuscripts should be submitted for blind review in digital form using the Faculty of Arts (University of Ljubljana) OJS platform:  
<https://revije.ff.uni-lj.si/elope/information/authors>

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