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**XIV CercleS International Conference  
Enhancing Learners' Creative and Critical Thinking:  
the Role of University Language Centres**

**22-23-24 September 2016  
University Language Centre  
University of Calabria**

The Language Centre of the University of Calabria is pleased to announce the XIV CercleS International Conference entitled Enhancing Learners' Creative and Critical Thinking: the Role of University Language Centres. The Conference will be held on 22-23-24 September 2016 and will be hosted by and held at the University of Calabria.

The aim of the Conference is to create an occasion for scholars, practitioners and project managers to share ideas about research and didactics related to language learning and teaching. The three strands and main topics of the Conference include:

**Applying research to pedagogical practice**

- Discourse and interaction analysis
- Bilingualism, plurilingualism and translanguaging in higher education
- Translation, interpretation and mediation, intercomprehension
- Language and cognition
- Creativity in language acquisition

**Giving learners a multicultural voice**

- Social and cultural dimensions of language acquisition and use
- Collaborative and task-based approach in language learning: strategies for fostering creative and critical thinkers
- Languages for the academic world and for professional contexts: how language and content interact to enhance learners' intercultural growth
- Language, technology and new media

**Giving University Language Centres an international voice**

- Assessment, self-evaluation and certification
- Language planning and policy
- European projects in higher education
- Quality assurance in European University Language Centres



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The Conference will consist of oral and poster presentations and there will be a friendly competition, with the best presentations being awarded prizes. There will also be interactive roundtable discussions, which will offer participants an opportunity to take part in small group discussions on *Future implications for University Language Centres*.

During the conference, a music event will be organized at the Auditorium, one of the University Theatres. A downtown excursion will be organized to the Castello Svevo in Cosenza. On the final day, an excursion will be planned to the beautiful coast of San Nicola Arcella on the 'Alto Tirreno'.

Early registration: Members and school teachers €180.00; Non-members €210.00 (before 30th April, 2016)

Standard registration: Members and school teachers €200.00; Non-members €230.00 (from 1st May to 15th July, 2016)

Late registration: Members and school teachers €230.00; Non-members €250.00 (from 16th July, 2016 to Conference date)

MA, PhD and undergraduate €100.00 (any time)

Daily rates: €100.00 (full day), Conference Dinner: €40

Further information on the Conference organization will be published on <http://cla.unical.it/CercleS2016>. If you are interested, you can contact the Organizing Committee by e-mail at [CercleS2016@unical.it](mailto:CercleS2016@unical.it).