

# Lectori salutem

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It is with great pleasure and with a humble heart that we offer the inaugural issue of *Pázmány Papers: Journal of Languages and Cultures* to its readers. We believe that the greatest strength of the arts and humanities lies in their ability to inspire critical thinking, and it is precisely this critical reflection that powers our research, born out of an insight discovered in an in-depth engagement with our subjects, sharpened through dialogue with students, colleagues and readers. That is why we find it vital to have forums for the dissemination of new ideas that can incite new conversations and in this way inspire new research questions, hopefully followed by even more innovative answers. It is with these intentions that we have established the newest scholarly journal published by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Pázmány Péter Catholic University, dedicated to the fields of literature and linguistics, open to publications on all aspects of these broad and constantly evolving disciplines. We hope that this journal will soon be recognised for an excellence manifested in the diversity and quality of research represented on its pages, and it is with this desire that we invite contributions from researchers to our future issues.

In order to offer a forum for the widest possible range of topics, and a publication opportunity for senior and junior scholars as well, both from our own institution and from all over the world, the journal is published in English, overseen by an international editorial board. We follow a rigorous double-blind peer-review policy, followed by a native language review, to ensure that the form of presentation equals the quality of the writings published on our pages. It is our intention to dedicate a section of each issue to a thematic collection of articles, while also reserving space for writings that represent any areas of literary studies or linguistics, from theoretical to practical investigations, case studies and more. As an institution of higher education that places great emphasis on teacher training, the journal's scope also includes studies in applied linguistics, teacher training methodology, together with translation studies. In every issue, original research is complemented by review articles introducing recent scholarly publications, particularly volumes related to the thematic section.

The journal's inaugural issue, perhaps symbolically, is dedicated to the theme of Hospitality, and it is in the spirit of hospitality that we wish to provide a welcoming space for the dissemination of all ideas, turning to all guests – editors, authors and readers – with the openness that must inevitably follow from our Christian identity.