



INVITATION

The Institute for Literature at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

takes great pleasure in inviting you

to the International Scientific Conference

**“THE WORLD OF YESTERDAY” – SEEN THROUGH THE CATASTROPHE OF
1939 (FEELINGS OF THREATENED EUROPE IN THE CULTURE AND
LITERATURE OF BULGARIA, UKRAINE, POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA)**

The conference will be held on **9th – 10th October 2025** in the Great Hall of the Institute for Literature (address: 52 Shipchenski Prohod Blvd., block 17, ground floor, Sofia 1113, Bulgaria).

The conference is organised within the framework of the international scientific project *“The World of Yesterday” – Seen Through the Catastrophe of 1939 (Feelings of Threatened Europe in the Culture and Literature of Bulgaria, Ukraine, Poland and Czechoslovakia)* on the basis of a contract with the National Fund "Scientific Research" No. КП-06- H60/2 from 16.11.2021 with additional agreement 2841/27.06.2024.

In view of the theme of the project, we offer you the following thematic fields for work at the conference.

1. The instability of the Versailles system of treaties of Europe. Catastrophisms in late artistic and literary avant-gardes (around 1932).
2. A ghost is haunting Europe – the ghost of totalitarianism. The warnings of great European intellectuals about the impending danger. From the Anschluss of Austria to local military conflicts in Europe. Wounded Spain as a pan-European literary and artistic theme. The figures of Don Quixote and Cassandra as European symbols. The overgrown aggressive nationalisms and their essayistic and philosophical visions (1935 – 1936).

3. The war invades the worlds of European man. Tragically divided Europe. The epic of the war, bombardment, camps, ghettos, uprisings, the Holocaust, the resistance, the European solidarity. The emigrants from the USA speak (1939 – 1944).

4. The triumphalism of the victors, but also the fate of the divided Europe (1945).

We look forward to your applications for individual participation by **30th August 2025** at conference.svetatotvchera@ilit.bas.bg

Please expect information on approval of the application by **10th September 2025**.

PUBLISHING OF THE PAPERS

It is planned to publish the papers in a collection. The technical requirements will be sent after the conference. The deadline for sending papers ready for publication is **22nd December 2025**.

There is no participation fee.

The opening of the scientific conference will take place on **9th October 2025** at **10:00 a.m.** in the Great Hall of the Institute for Literature. Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.

Organising Committee:

Prof. Mihail Nedelchev, Prof. Margreta Grigorova, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Marieta Girginova-Ivanova, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elka Traykova, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Maria Ogoyska, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dobromir Grigorov, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ostap Slivinski, Sen. Assist. Dr. Vladimir Kolev, Sen. Assist. Dr. Lilia Zheleva, Sen. Assist. Dr. Venesa Nacheva