

Conference Report: SSLT 2025 – Second Language Learning and Teaching: Facing New Challenges

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I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the support I received from the Talent Support Council of Eötvös Loránd University, which enabled me to attend the prestigious SSLT 2025 conference. The event, themed *Second Language Learning and Teaching: Facing New Challenges*, was a remarkable opportunity to engage with cutting-edge research and leading scholars in my field.

My primary objective in attending this conference was to present the results of a collaborative research project conducted with a colleague, focusing on doctoral students in Hungary. Our study explores the interplay between grit, motivation, and emotion regulation in mastering Academic English and navigating doctoral education. This topic is closely aligned with my dissertation, which investigates emotions and emotion regulation in English-medium instruction (EMI) contexts at Hungarian universities.

One of the highlights of the conference was having our presentation chaired by Professor Peter MacIntyre (Cape Breton University, Canada), a renowned scholar in the field of psychology and second language acquisition. We received highly valuable and encouraging feedback, particularly suggestions to pursue a longitudinal follow-up study on doctoral students' emotional experiences—an avenue we are now seriously considering.

Throughout the conference, I attended numerous insightful sessions and engaged in meaningful discussions with distinguished researchers, including Elouise Botes (University of Luxembourg), Majid Elahi Shirvan (University of Bojnord, Iran), Masatoshi Sato (Universidad Andrés Bello, Chile), and many others. These interactions significantly deepened my understanding of the current research landscape and offered fresh perspectives on my own work.

Beyond academic enrichment, the conference was a fertile ground for networking. I had the chance to connect with scholars and fellow PhD candidates from across the globe—including Morocco, Poland, New Zealand, and Portugal. Exchanging ideas and contact information with them has laid a strong foundation for future collaborations, and I now feel more integrated into the international academic community.

The overall experience was both professionally and personally enriching. It reinforced my confidence as a fourth-year PhD candidate and inspired new directions for my research. I am proud to have represented my university and to contribute to scholarly dialogues in my field.

I have included a few photos on the following pages to document my participation and the atmosphere of the event.

Once again, thank you for your generous support. This opportunity has not only advanced my academic career but has also empowered me as a young researcher navigating the global academic landscape.

Warm regards,

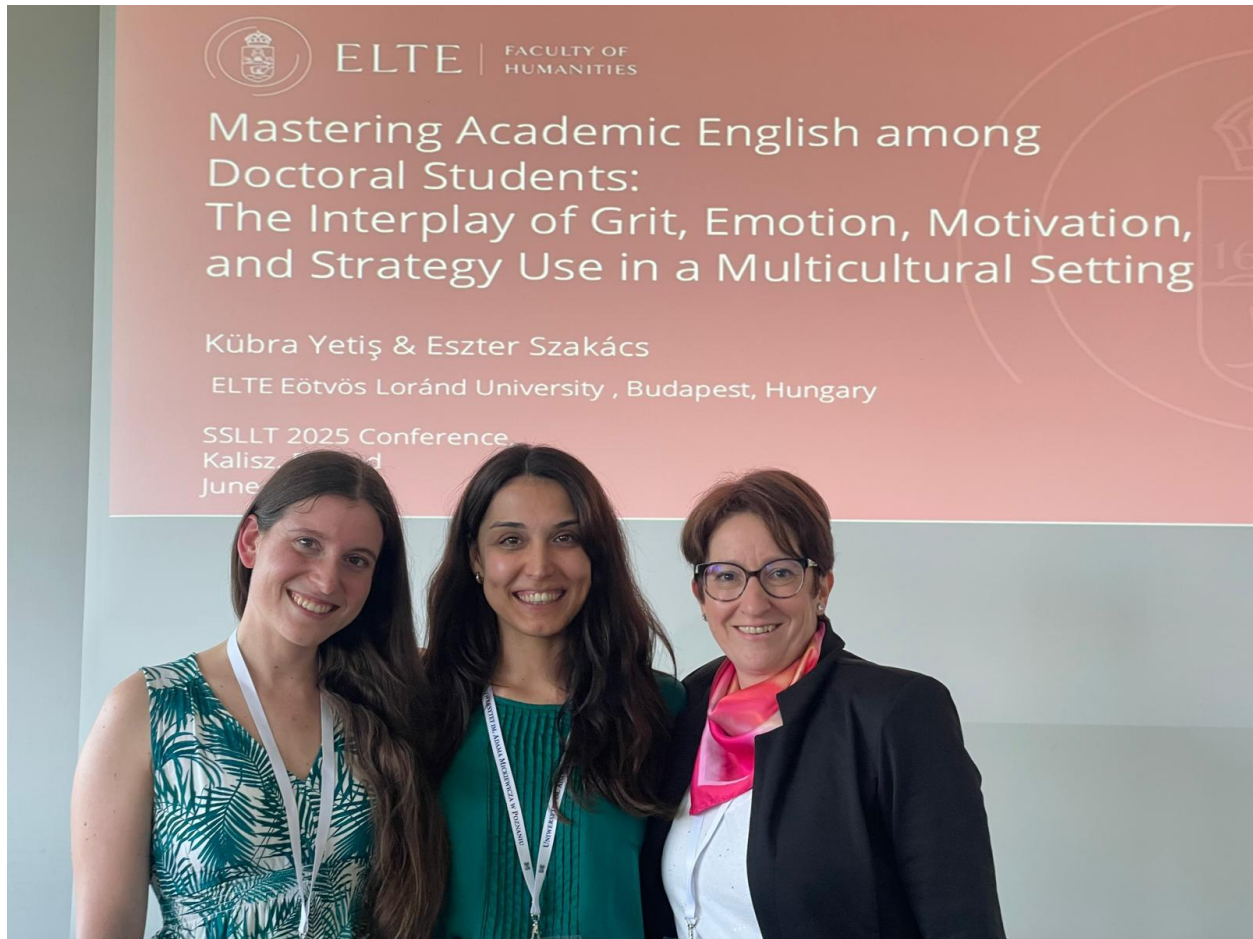
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Together with Peter MacIntyre





Together with my supervisor Katalin Piniel from ELTE BTK

