



## INVITATION - Call for Papers for the 6<sup>th</sup> International Congress „Multilingualism as a Chance”:



**Place:**  
**NYSA / POLAND**  
Institute for Modern Languages  
State University for Applied Sciences in Nysa

**The international consortium of organizers for the congress:**

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**Dates:**

**Arrival:** 07<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Sunday)

**Departure:** 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Thursday)

**Languages of the Congress will be:**

**GERMAN and ENGLISH**

**The following topics will be in the focus of the 6<sup>th</sup> international congress in 2015:**

- Multilingualism in the school and in the university
- Individualized approaches to the learning of modern languages
- Educational concepts for the promotion of minority languages
- Promotion of the language of culture and education for students at the school and university
- The didactics of the adaptation between readers and texts in the field of factual texts



The series of congresses about „**Mehrsprachigkeit als Chance - Multilingualism as a Chance**” was started in 2009 at the University of Kassel, Germany, by university lecturers and teachers who are working in the field of multilingualism.

After the initial congress in Kassel there were annual congresses in Nysa/**Poland** in Eupen/**Belgium**, in **Luxemburg** and in Heidelberg/**Germany**. You will find more information about the congresses on:

[http:// www.mehrsprachigkeit-als-chance.eu](http://www.mehrsprachigkeit-als-chance.eu)

The next congress in **June 2015** will take place at the State University of Applied Sciences in Nysa/Poland.

In a geographical and cultural perspective **Nysa** in the Region of Upper Silesia is a place where official borders and language boundaries often changed. The town is influenced by Czech, Austrian, German and Polish cultures, and it represents a perfect place for visits in schools of the German minority in Poland which will be organized during the congress. In addition to that there will also be visits to classrooms for the learning of modern languages.

The cultural and linguistic diversity in the history of the Nysa region is also represented in the didactical approach of the local University of Applied Sciences to the formation of teachers for German as the language of the minority. The Department of German Philology in the University is making it a special feature of its work to teach students about the linguistic and cultural heritage of the region. A further step is the establishment of a module in the syllabus for future teachers for German as the language of the minority. In the region of Opole of which the county of Nysa is a part the German minority constitutes more than one third of the population.

We invite you to send abstracts of possible contributions in English or German (150 words maximum) until the **31st of October 2014** to the following address:

[monika.witt@pwsz.nysa.pl](mailto:monika.witt@pwsz.nysa.pl)

Feed back for abstracts will be given until 15th of November 2014.

The contributions will be published near the end of 2015 in a Conference Book

**The congress fee will be 200,- PLN (ca. 50,- Euros)**

and it has to be transferred until 15th of December 2014.

*The conference fee includes:*

- *Congress hand out,*
- *a light evening meal on 8th of June 2015,*
- *refreshments during the conference,*
- *coffee during the conference,*
- *shuttle to the schools (for class visits).*

**Information about the ways of payment:**

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