

REPORT

on presenting at

International Conference

Future Challenges in Early Language Learning and Multilingual Education **(ELLME2022)**

University of Granada, Spain, June 22-24, 2022

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Dr Vera Savić presented at the international conference *Future Challenges in Early Language Learning and Multilingual Education* (ELLME2022), held at the University of Granada, Spain, on 22-24 June 2022. She was an invited speaker for the primary experts' panel, chaired by dr Naysa Ibrahim, Nord University, Norway. Primary Panel also involved Dr Janet Enever, Umeå University, Sweden, Dr. Maria del Pilar García Mayo, University of the Basque Country, Spain, and Dr. Sandie Mourão, Nova University, Portugal. The plenary was held on June 23, 2022. Dr Vera Savić presented a research paper titled *Context-sensitive assessment practice: Does assessment support learning?*, while the other experts presented on the following topics: *Primary English in the 21st century: representation, identities and decoloniality*; *Language acquisition in multilingual settings and the age factor*; *Teacher training and transitions between pre-primary and primary*; and *Lessons from 20 years of primary English policy: the importance of helping policy makers to understand child development in the early*.

The conference aimed to facilitate a forum of discussion for researchers and practitioners on language learning and multilingual education in the early years (0-12 years olds) in the future. The conference was supported by three associations related to early multilingualism: *Multilingual Childhoods SIG* (Early European Childhood Education Research Association), *ELLRA- Early Language Learning Research Association* and *ALEXI Network* (Spanish Network on Foreign Language Learning at Preschool). It was attended by 125 speakers in its face-to-face format, while 113 speakers presented online. Plenary sessions were recorded and available online on the conference website until the end of July 2022.

Dr Savić was able to travel to and stay in Granada for the conference thanks to the financial support provided by the Faculty of Education in Jagodina. Also, the organisers provided participation with conference fee covered for the expert panelists. The social events at the conference provided a number of opportunities for networking with early language learning experts from all over Europe.

In Jagodina, July 18, 2022