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	09.30 - 9.45	Official address (Aula Magna)
		Prof. Dana Percec, Dean of the Faculty of Letters, History and Theology
		Dr. Gabriela Şandor, Head of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures
	0 45 10 45	Prof. Cristina Chevereşan, Director of the American Studies Center
	9.45-10.45	Keynote (Aula Magna)
		A Cultural and Oral History of Rock Music in Timisoara Through the Eyes of An
		American Abroad
		Prof. Eric Fretz, West University of Timișoara, Fulbright Scholar
	10.45-11.15	Coffee break
	11.15-12.50	Presentation sessions 1
	1.00-2.30	Lunch break
	2.40-4.15	Presentation sessions 2
	4.15-4.45	Coffee break
	4.45 - 5.45	Keynote (Room A12)
		Linda Hogan's Radiant Life With Animals
	<b>-</b> 00	Dr. Małgorzata J Poks, University of Silesia in Katowice
	7.30	Symposium evening (Timisoara Bikers MF, Str. Dacilor 13)
		Reading: Flavia Ardelean, Ariane Florescu, Patricia Frenți, Alexandra Manole,
		Lidia Mihai, Mara Moldvai
		Play: The BRAT Manifesto, by Alexia Faur. With Arintina Bobit, Anamaria
		Cvașa, Alexia Faur, Laura Stavrat, Teodora Tănase
		Music: Karina Băncescu, Patrizia Cobrescu, Anne-Marie Szaniszlo
	1	Party
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	$11.15 \cdot 12.30$	Presentation sessions 4
	$12.45 \cdot 14.15$	Keynote (Room A12)
	12.40-14.10	C.A.R.E.: Connection and Awareness through Refugees' Experiences. A
		Community-Centred Response to Fake News
		Arintina Bobiț, Loredana Brînzei, Daniel Buruian, Anamaria Cvașa,
		Daria Dragomir, Paula Drăgulescu, Alexia Faur, Andreea Faur, Andrada
		Nemeş, Amalia Secoşan, Teodora Tănase, Ramon Tănasie – West
		University of Timişoara and CISG
		Prize Draw

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BRITISH LITERATURE	ECO-VISIONS: AMERICA	CULTURE AND MEDIA	AMERICAN LITERATURE
Room: 204	Room: 206	Room: 207	Room: 307
Moderator: Alexia Faur	Moderator: Mara Moldvai	Moderator: Arintina Bobiț	Moderator: Diana Flueraș
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Christian Tradition and Germanic	West University of Timișoara, LL	In Bruges – the Film of in-	Madness as an Artificial Construct in
Fatalism in Early Anglo-Saxon	Alienation of the Individual in an	Betweennesses	Ken Kesey's One Flew Over the
Literature	Alien Environment: Apocalypse Now		Cuckoo's Nest
	and <i>Heart of Darkness</i>		
Andrei Ilban	Teodora Dogaru	Monica Cimpoeru	Alexandra Avram
West University of Timişoara, LL	West University of Timișoara, LL	West University of Timișoara, LMA	University of Bucharest
A Futile Fight Against Fate? Romeo	Suburban Nymphs: Revisiting Jeffrey	Cultural and Linguistic Challenges in	The Fragmented Self: An Examination
and Juliet as a Renaissance-era	Eugenides' The Virgin Suicides	Subtitling The Chosen	of Identity Crisis in Sylvia Plath's The
Oedipus rex	through an Ecofeminist Perspective		Bell Jar
Alexia Elena Faur	Daria-Ioana Dragomir, Daniel-	Arintina Maria Bobiț	Georgiana-Alina Burada
West University of Timişoara, LL	Sorin Buruian	West University of Timișoara, LL	West University of Timişoara, MSA
"Where art thou, tragedy?" Butchering	West University of Timișoara, LL	The Biblical in The Arcane - Jinx and	True Grit: A Different Representation
the Catharsis in Favor of the Younger	The Unveiling of the Evil: The	Vi as New Age Cain and Abel	of Cowboys
Audience in the Animated Adaptations	Antagonistic Role of Nature in Joel		
Romeo and Juliet: Sealed with a Kiss	Coen's The Tragedy of Macbeth		
(2006) and Gnomeo and Juliet (2011)			
Gabriel-Emanuel Mariș	Paula-Andreea Drăgulescu, Silvia-	Angela-Ramona Buștean	Paula-Elena Ciurean
West University of Timişoara, MSA	Loredana Brînzei	West University of Timișoara, LL	West University of Timişoara, MSA
Shakespeare and The Carnivalesque;	West University of Timișoara, LL	Time Representation Through	Rewriting the Dystopian nightmare:
Understanding the themes of Folly in	Artificial Eden: Ecocritical	Multiple Dimensions: An Analysis of	Julia as a Feminist Reinterpretation
William Shakespeare's Plays through	Perspectives in the 2009 Adaptation of	the Sci-Fi Thrillers Arrival (2016) and	of 1984
a Bakhtinian Framework. A case study	Coraline	Annihilation (2018)	
of Twelfth Night Or: What You Will			
and The Tragedy of King Lear			
Teofana Șimonca-Oprița	Cornelia Karetta	Fruzsina Fazekas	Diana Mihaela Flueraș
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A Frame of Society – <i>The Canterbury</i>	The Fear of Nature and Natural	Found Family: Gay Men in Drug	The American dream during
Tales	Course as Observed in the <i>Planet of</i>	Trafficking in Narcos	Modernism: a reality or an illusion?
	the Apes Franchise (1968-1973)		

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Biblical Symbolism in William Blake's	Girlhood Interrupted: Eco-Grief in	The Good, The Bad, and The	The Youth's Search for Peace And
Songs of Innocence and Songs of	Flannery O'Connor's "A View of the	Undecided: How American and	Purpose: An Analysis of Peter Hill's
Experience	Woods"	Romanian Students Navigate AI	Memoirs
		Ethics	
Alexandra-Maria Ilaș	Mara-Cristiana Moldvai	Andrada Țîrcă	Maria Agustina Correa
Ştefan cel Mare University of Suceava	West University of Timişoara, MSA	University of Bucharest	University of Debrecen
The Loss of Identity in Bram Stoker's	The Wilderness Will Have Its Due:	A Linguistic Analysis of (Unusual)	Rethinking Recovery: How Quit Like a
Dracula: A Psychological Need for	The Ecogothic Horror of Yellowjackets	Conversion in Digital and Pop Culture	Woman Challenges Traditional
Revenge		Discourse	Addiction Recovery Models
Loredana Brînzei, Paula	Gabriela-Cristina Muntean	Andreea Teodora Tănase	Teodora Crișan
Drăgulescu	West University of Timişoara, MSA	West University of Timișoara, LL	Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca
West University of Timișoara, LL	The Toxicity of Loving Nature.	From an Obscure Forum to the	The impact of War on Literature as
Tragedy, Paganism and Social Status	Ecophilia and Exploitation in	Internet Center-Stage: The	Shown in Vera Brittain's Testament of
in Relation to Gender and Ancestry in	Transcendentalist Poetry and Louise	Slenderman Mythos as a Modern	Youth
Thomas Hardy's Tess of the	Erdrich's Tracks	Collective Storytelling Project.	
D'Urbervilles			
Lidia Mihai	Alexandra Andrada Nemeş, Amalia	Anita Kovács	Mihaela Livia Guleș
West University of Timișoara, LL	Marinela Secoșan	University of Szeged	West University of Timişoara, MSA
Women Struggling against Society	West University of Timișoara, LL	Techniques of the Abstract: Analysing	Cultural Memory and the Role of
Norms: A Study on <i>Tess</i>	Monstrous Urges: Queerness, Nature	Multiple Exposure Photography	Storytelling in Preservation Heritage
d'Urberville and Emma Bovary	and Infection in <i>The Last of Us</i> and	through Filmic Montage	
	Dracula		
Ovidiu-Gabriel Moraru	Diana-Maria Stanciu	Matei Dimonu	Andrada Onișa
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The Struggle for Existence: Thomas	Queer Ecologies in LGBTQ+ Cowboy	Contextualizing Cannibalism in Jen	Language in the Centre: A Postcolonial
Hardy Between Evolution and	Fiction: Brokeback Mountain (2005)	Storm's "Red Clouds" and Jean	Analysis of Language in M. NourbeSe
Christianity		Baudrillard's America	Philip's "Discourse of the logic of
			language"

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Ada-Mihaela Mașcovici Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca Theory of Mind and Gender in The Wife of the Kenite	Arintina Maria Bobiţ, Anamaria Cvaşa West University of Timişoara, LL Skin-deep Commentary: An Analysis on the Aesthetics of Feminist Critique in Helter Skelter (2012) and The Substance (2024)	Daniel-Sorin Buruian, Daria-Ioana Dragomir West University of Timişoara, LL The Portrayal of the Romantic Relationship Between Elio and Olliver in Andre Aciman's Call Me by Your Name	<b>Flavia-Cristina Ardelean</b> West University of Timişoara, MSA Female Suffering Through The Male Gaze	Raisa Dănilă West University of Timișoara, MSA Curtains Up: A Case Study of Drama-Based ESL Instruction	Ioana Frențescu West University of Timișoara, MTPT The Analysis of World- Specific Terms Using Corpus on Cassandra Clare's Shadow World Books
Gabriela-Denisa Suciu Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca And Then There Was Another—How Fan Fiction Carries Agatha Christie's Literary Legacy	Miruna Demian West University of Timişoara, LL The Body as Property of the State in Yokomitsu Riichi's "Shanghai"	Larisa Anamaria Cioabă West University of Timișoara, MSA The Evolution of Female Characters in Fairy Tales in the Context of a World with Feminism Present	Mara-Cristiana Moldvai West University of Timişoara, MSA Wirt's Inferno: Over the Garden Wall and the Escape from the Afterlife Matrix	Irina Costache University of Bucharest Neopronouns in Romanian: A Case Study of Translating Bernardine Evaristo's Girl, Woman, Other	Florin-Claudiu Luca Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca Shifts: The Literature of Raymond Carver in the Transitional Period of Neoliberalism
Codrin Aniculăese Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca Labyrinthine Death: The Matter of Stories in Beckett's Malone Dies	Alexia-Elena Faur, Andrei Ilban West University of Timişoara, LL Lost in the "Japanese" Translation: Early Manga Adaptations in the US	Elena-Georgiana Drăgan University of Oradea Feminist Ideals in Transition: Marriage, Equality, and Autonomy from Mary Wollstonecraft to Sylvia Plath	Alexandra Păsat West University of Timișoara, MSA Beyond a Love Story	Irina-Adelina Găinușă University of Bucharest High-Prestige Feminine Role Nouns: Strategies and Challenges in English- Romanian Translation	Cristina Luțai West University of Timișoara, MSA Panoptic narration in Truman Capote's non- fiction novel In Cold Blood
Alexandra Olah University of Oradea The Implacable Fatality of the Mundane in Waiting for Godot and Endgame by Samuel Beckett		Robert Florin Marcu West University of Timisoara, LL Contradictory Masculinity: An Analysis of the Protagonist in Women and Factotum by Charles Bukowski	Ramon-Gabriel Tănasie, Ioana-Diana Oprișor West University of Timișoara, LL The Elephant Man by David Lynch: Analysis Through a Capitalist- Critical Lens	Anamaria Cvaşa West University of Timişoara, LL "Condescending"(en) and "Condescendent"(ro): A Tale of Etymology and Fluid Meaning	László Mester University of Miskolc Limitations of Understanding in David Foster Wallace's "Good Old Neon"

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BRITISH LITERATURE Room: 202 Moderator: Manuela Buta Ioana-Anda Rosocha West University of Timişoara, LL Horror Tools in Fairy Tale Rewritings: Ecophobia and Gynophobia in "Snow, Glass, Apples" by Neil Gaiman	AMERICA MEETS JAPAN <b>Room: 203</b> Moderator: Alexia Faur <b>Andreea Florina Rus</b> <i>West University of</i> <i>Timişoara, LL</i> Cool Japan: How Japan's Soft Power Influenced American Consumerism	GENDER STUDIES <b>Room: 204</b> Moderator: Daria Dragomir <b>Anamaria Măcinic</b> <i>West University of</i> <i>Timişoara, LL</i> Disciplining Desire: Sexuality, Power and Control in 1984 and Brave <i>New World</i>	CULTURE AND MEDIA Room: 205 Moderator: Flavia Ardelean Alina Astăluş University of Bucharest Fragments of Identity: Queer Longing in the Horror of Signalis	LITERATURES IN ENGLISH <b>Room: 307</b> Moderator: Andreea Dinu <b>Andreea-Victoria-</b> <b>Claudia Dinu</b> <i>West University of</i> <i>Timişoara, MTPT</i> Systemic Horror in Aravind Adiga's The White Tiger	AMERICAN LITERATURE <b>Room: 308</b> Moderator: Dariana Sârca <b>Dariana Sârca</b> <i>West University of</i> <i>Timişoara, MSA</i> Sisyphus in the American Limbo: Absurdism in Tennessee Williams' <i>Camino Real</i>
Vlad-Alexandru Rusu Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca The Drowned World: J.G. Ballard's Speculative Vision of Climate Change and Inner Landscapes	Mia-Sofia Pencov West University of Timişoara, LL American Pop Culture Elements in the Anime Soul Eater: an analysis	Ana-Valentina Percea University of Craiova Between Convention and Emancipation: Marriage and Female Identity in the Brontës' Novels	Damir Patrik Frana West University of Timişoara, LL Metaphors, Similes, and Storytelling in Taylor Swift's Lyrics: A Case Study on "Cardigan" and "Willow"	Iulia Galea Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca Bureaucracy: Endless Transitions and Liminal Nightmares in Flann O'Brien's The Third Policeman	Ana Maria Somesan Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca Mistakes as a Human Condition: The Evolution of Ted Chiang's Story of Your Life into Denis Villeneuve's Arrival
<b>Bianca-Teodora Savi</b> Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca The Past Rewritten: Hilary Mantel's Wolf Hall Through a New Historicist Lens	Andreea Teodora Tănase West University of Timișoara, LL It Started From A Dream: The Influence of JRPGs on the American Indie Game Scene	<b>Cristina Secu</b> West University of Timişoara, LMA An Analysis of Gender Within the Incarceration Experience	<b>Paál Martin</b> University of Miskolc The Depiction of The Vietnam War in American Films	Alexandru Sebastian Manea University of Craiova The Essence of Naturalness and Individuality: An Examination of the "Destined Pair" in Sir George Bernard Shaw's Pygmalion	Miruna Teodora Todor West University of Timişoara, LL Containing multitudes: an analysis of the Leviathan in Moby Dick and The Terror
		Mara-Alexia Sîrbu West University of Timişoara, LL The Proper Victorian Hysterical Woman and Her Supernatural Dilemma	Andreea Florina Rus West University of Timişoara, LL Ate: Cannibalism in Art and Activist Discourse	<b>Dr. Nagy-Takács Emőke</b> University of Szeged Reading Ali Smith's Summer as Political Fiction	Kiss Endre János West University of Timişoara, LL Terror at the Threshold: The Haunted House as an Evolving Critique of the South

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