

## Editors' Foreword

The papers in this volume are a selection of contributions to the international conference *Language, Literature and Culture in a Changing Transatlantic World II* held on October 4-5, 2012 at the Institute of British and American Studies, Faculty of Arts, at the University of Prešov in Slovakia. Continuing the tradition of the 2009 conference of the same name, it is the Organizing Committee's belief that the event *per se* was an appropriate contribution to mark the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the independent University of Prešov.

The Conference proceedings are organised into two volumes paralleling the sections in which the papers were presented: *Linguistics, Cultural and Translation Studies* (Part I) and *Literature and ELT Methodology* (Part II). Overall, the forty-eight papers offer fresh perspectives and foster new avenues of research in fields ranging from English linguistics, via translatology and literature, up to cultural studies and English language teaching methodology. Employing a diversity of theoretical-methodological approaches, the papers demonstrate the contributors' thoughtful insights, acute observations and incisive analyses. Therefore, the publication of the collected papers appears to be a necessary means for further education and inspiration for both seasoned researchers as well as research novices in English studies.

The Conference organizers would very much like to take this opportunity to warmly thank all the foreign participants from all corners of Central Europe who were eager to travel to Prešov to share their expertise and personalities and thus honoured us with their presence, giving the Conference a truly international spirit. We are also grateful to the many Slovak participants without whom our scholarly encounter would not have been possible.

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