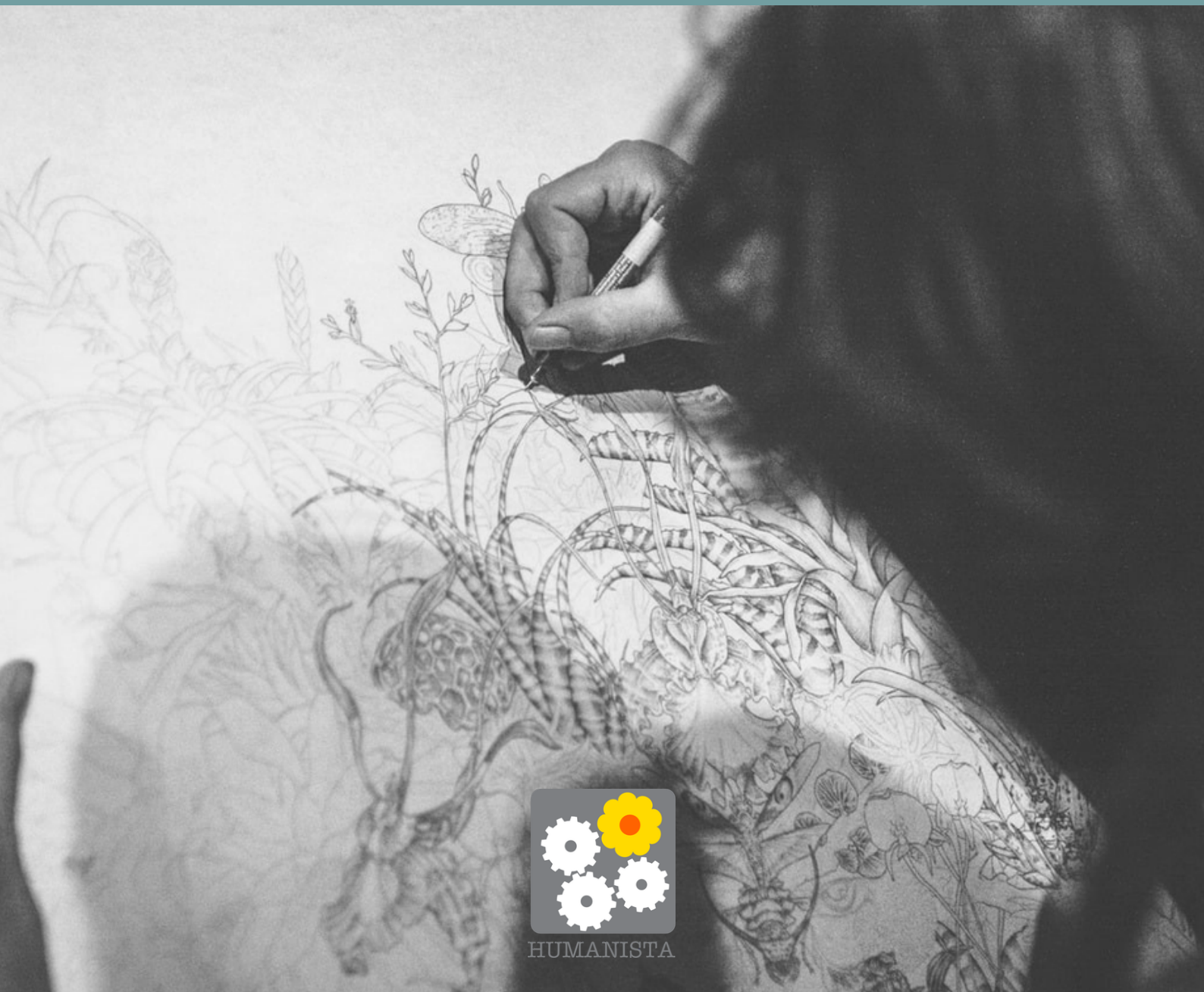


HUM-STEM SUMMER SCHOOL 2026



HUMANISTA



**FACULTY OF TECHNICAL
SCIENCES ČAČAK, SERBIA,
JULY 13-18**

Svetog Save 65, 32000 Čačak

**HUMANISTA: EXPLORING THE INTERSECTION OF TECHNOLOGY,
LANGUAGE, AND SOCIETY**

PROGRAM



DAY 1

Monday, July 13th, 2026

THEME: WHY TECHNOLOGY NEEDS THE HUMANITIES

- 09.00–10.30 Welcome address: FTS & UNI Kragujevac, registration and orientation
10.30–11.00 Coffee break
11.00–12.30 **Lena Tica:** Getting to know you & Warm up
Ivana Krsmanović: Why Technology Needs the Humanities
12.30–14.00 Lunch
14.00–15.30 **Lena Tica:** Real-World Tech Dilemmas: Learning from *Dragon's Den*
15.30–16.00 Coffee break
16.00–17.30 **Ivana Krsmanović:** Interdisciplinary Icebreaker – Solving the wrong problem
17.30–18.30 Dinner
20.00–21.00 Walking tour

DAY 2

Tuesday, July 14th, 2026

THEME: MAKING TECHNOLOGY WORK FOR PEOPLE

- 09.00–10.30 **Greg Archimandritis:** Technology for People: Why Human-Centred Innovation Matters More Than Ever
10.30–11.00 Coffee break
11.00–12.30 **Joanna Kic-Drgas & Sylwia Mikołajczak:** Pitch Across Borders: Presenting Technical Ideas to a Global Audience
12.30–14.00 Lunch
14.00–15.30 **Ivana Krsmanović:** How to Think Like a Hybrid Researcher: Design Thinking 101
15.30–16.00 Coffee break
16.00–17.30 **Sylwia Mikołajczak & Joanna Kic-Drgas:** Design Your Pitch: A Human-Centred Approach to Cross-Cultural Presenting
17.30–18.30 Dinner

DAY 3

Wednesday, July 15th, 2026

THEME: SUSTAINABILITY & HUMAN-CENTERED AI

09.00–10.30 **Vesna Petrović:** Sustainable Development Goals

Lena Tica: Sustainability goals through a HUM lens

10.30–11.00 Coffee break

11.00–12.30 **Milena Damjanović:** Sustainability and Social Responsibility Workshop:
From idea to action

12.30–14.00 Lunch

14.00–15.30 **Cornelius Benekam:** AI, Metacognition and Critical Thinking – What is
needed to keep thinking while using generative AI?

15.30–16.00 Coffee break

16.00–17.30 Project work time

17.30–18.30 Dinner

20.00 Sports evening

DAY 4

Thursday, July 16th, 2026

THEME: PSYCHOLOGICAL RESILIENCE AND COMMUNICATION

09.00–10.30 **Milica Stojković:** Psychological resilience and support systems
puzzle

10.30–11.00 Coffee break

11.00–12.30 **Pamela Johnson:** Real Talk: University students tell the unvarnished
truth about how they use AI

Ivana Krsmanović: Intercultural Competence and Engineering:
Speaking the same language

12.30–14.00 Lunch

14.00–15.30 **Andy Trí Nguyễn:** Empowering intercultural communication
competence in higher education

15.30–16.00 Coffee break

16.00–17.30 **Ghita Ramdhiansing:** Skills Get You In. Interaction Decides
Everything After

17.30–18.30 Dinner

DAY 5

Friday, July 17th, 2026

THEME: FROM IDEA TO OUTPUT

09.00–10.30 **Ivana Krsmanović:** Power of teamwork & Providing feedback (workshop)
10.30–11.00 Coffee break
11.00–12.30 **Ivana Krsmanović:** Innovation in Language: How products get their names
12.30–14.00 Lunch
14.00–15.30 **Lena Tica:** What can go wrong? Final project refinement
15.30–16.00 Coffee break
16.00–17.30 Project work time
17.30–18.30 Dinner
20.00 International party

DAY 6

Saturday, July 18th, 2026

PROJECT PITCHES, WRAP-UP & CERTIFICATES

09.00–10.30 Project presentations, feedback and wrap-up discussions
10.30–11.00 Coffee break
11.00–12.30 Certificates ceremony and evaluation

LECTURERS



IN PERSON

Where all think alike, there is little danger of innovation. (E. Abbey)



IVANA KRSMANOVIĆ

University of Kragujevac, Faculty of Technical Sciences Čačak

Dr Ivana Krsmanović has been teaching English and Communication skills in higher education for more than 24 years now. Her scholarly pursuits focus on English for Specific Purposes (ESP), Computer-Assisted language learning, AI Pedagogy, and Digital Humanities. She is a recipient of the prestigious Joint Excellence in Sciences and Humanities (JESH) scholarship (2023), awarded by the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Within the framework of the Central European Exchange Program for University Studies (CEEPUS), she is the founder and coordinator of the international network *Humanista: Research at the Crossroads of Technology, Language and Society*, launched in January 2025.

IN PERSON

To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong. (J. C. Pearce)



LENA TICA

University of Kragujevac, Faculty of Technical Sciences Čačak

Dr Lena Tica is an Assistant Professor, researcher, and teacher trainer with extensive experience in English language teaching. She holds a PhD in English Literature from the University of Kragujevac and has been teaching English at the tertiary level for more than 15 years. Her research interests include Computer-Assisted Language Learning (CALL), with a particular focus on the application of Artificial Intelligence in English for Specific Purposes (ESP), as well as digital literacy, educational technologies, and innovative approaches to language learning and teaching. Lena is also the co-founder and co-coordinator of *Humanista*. Through her academic, research, and project activities, she works to foster intercultural dialogue and digital transformation in education.

LECTURERS



ONLINE

Create with the heart; build with the mind. (C. Jami)



ANDY TRÍ NGUYỄN

Hoa Sen University, Vietnam

Andy Trí Nguyễn is a Vietnamese TESOL educator, researcher, and teacher trainer known for his contributions to English language teaching and intercultural communication. He has worked as a lecturer, mentor, and curriculum developer, and co-authored national English textbooks. A recipient of multiple international scholarships from the U.S. Department of State, Andy is also an active conference speaker. His work focuses on empowering educators and learners through effective communication, professional development, and innovative language teaching practices.

ONLINE

The calling of the humanities is to make us truly human in the best sense of the word. (Miller)



GHITA RAMDHIANSING

See-Suite, Malta

With over 30 years of experience, Ghita is an expert in organizational transformation and human interaction development. As the founder of *See-Suite*, established in 2007 and rebranded in 2024, she has been at the forefront of equipping teams and individuals with advanced tools to analyze and enhance interpersonal interactions. Her expertise spans consulting on and implementing organizational change, as well as coaching, training, and mentoring. Ghita has developed several cutting-edge tools for the HR industry. Her work includes delivering customized coaching programs that integrate the latest AI tools to boost organizational performance.

LECTURERS



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Everything you can imagine is real. (Picasso)



PAMELA JOHNSON

University of Birmingham Dubai, UAE

Pamela Johnson is a Curriculum Coordinator at the University of Birmingham Dubai and a Specialist with English Language Programs. Earlier in her career she was a consultant for Pearson Education, where she provided professional development on technology and pedagogy at institutions across the Middle East, and she reviewed English language teaching materials. Pam has more than 10 years' experience teaching in higher education and an MS Ed TESOL from the University of Pennsylvania. She has worked in Latin America, Asia, and Eastern Europe, and she has lived and worked in the UAE since 2008.

IN PERSON

It always seems impossible until it's done. (N. Mandela)



VESNA PETROVIĆ

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Dr Vesna Petrović is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Technical Sciences in Čačak. She holds a PhD in Philology from the University of Belgrade and has more than 20 years of teaching experience in higher education. Her research fields include ESP, teaching methodology, and docimology. She is the author of numerous scientific papers published in international and national journals and has participated in many international and national scientific conferences. Vesna has been the main contact person and representative of the University of Kragujevac for the Erasmus+ AEQUALIS4TCLF project "Addressing Skills Gaps in the European Textile, Clothing, Leather and Footwear Industries, Emphasizing Equality, Innovation, and Resilience" .

LECTURERS



IN PERSON

Everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear.
(G. Addair)



JOANNA KIC-DRGAS

Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland

Dr Joanna Kic-Drgas graduated from Adam Mickiewicz University and the University of Economics and is currently employed as an Associate Professor in Teaching Languages for Specific Purposes in the Institute of Applied Linguistics at the Faculty of Modern Languages and Literature of the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland.

Joanna has authored and co-authored academic and professional papers focused on teaching methodology, intercultural communication, multilingualism and international cooperation. Since 2017, she has been a tutor for incoming Erasmus students from Germany. She was a leader of the Polish team in several Erasmus plus projects.

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Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.
(A. Einstein)



CORNELIUS BENEKAM

UAS CAMPUS 02 Graz, Austria

Cornelius Benekam is a specialist for higher education didactics and sustainability coordinator at FH CAMPUS 02 in Graz, Austria. He studied Educational Sciences (BA, MA) at the University of Regensburg with a specialization in learning, expertise, and social networks. Cornelius is also a trained systemic coach (IHK). Among other, he has published several research papers in Artificial Intelligence in higher education.

LECTURERS



IN PERSON

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.
(A. Ashe)

SYLWIA MIKOŁAJCZAK

Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland



Dr. hab. Sylwia Mikołajczak is a senior academic researcher at the Institute of Romance Languages and Literatures of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, where she serves as Head of the Department of Portuguese Studies. Her research focuses on Portuguese-based creole languages spoken in African countries. She is interested in the emergence of new linguistic norms and the sociopolitical dimensions of language development and standardization. Her extensive experience spans language education, translation, and intercultural communication. Sylwia successfully managed a language consultancy company for ten years, specializing in language training and intercultural communication programs for corporate clients.

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If there is no struggle, there is no progress. (F. Douglass)

GREG ARCHIMANDRITIS

SocieTeQ, Greece



Greg is the Founder and Strategic Director of SocieTeQ, dedicated to social innovation, digital transformation, inclusive education, and community empowerment. He brings more than 15 years of hands-on experience in the preparation, coordination, and implementation of European-funded programmes. His professional journey reflects a deep, end-to-end understanding of the European project ecosystem. Greg's path spans from grassroots engagement as a volunteer to managerial and project management positions, an evaluator in entrepreneurship and innovation competitions, a trainer, a public speaker, and an organiser of various European-level initiatives. This multifaceted experience allows him to approach project design and implementation with a holistic, pragmatic, and impact-driven perspective.

IN PERSON

*Your big opportunity may be right where you are now.
(Napoleon Hill)*



MILENA DAMNJANOVIĆ

University of Kragujevac, Faculty of Technical Sciences Čačak

Dr Milena Damnjanović is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Technical Sciences in Čačak. She completed all levels of university education at the University of Kragujevac, Faculty of Economics, and obtained a PhD in Economics. Her teaching and research fields include business economics, sustainability and social responsibility. She is committed to researching the practical application of corporate social responsibility and sustainable business practices, with a focus on developing solutions tailored to the green economy. Through her teaching, she aims to inspire and prepare future engineers and managers to integrate sustainable values into their professional careers. She is the author of several scientific papers in international and national journals and has participated in numerous international and national scientific conferences.

IN PERSON

Action is eloquence. (William Shakespeare)



MILICA STOJKOVIĆ

University of Kragujevac, Faculty of Technical Sciences Čačak

Dr Milica Stojković is an associate professor in the scientific field of educational psychology. Main research topics: interpersonal communication skills, professional identity development, teacher education, and psychological resilience. She participated in several national and international projects, including participating as a consortium board member in two Erasmus projects (ALLVET and DigiPsyRes). She is a practising Gestalt psychotherapist and a co-founder of the association *PsyZone*: A centre for psychological counselling, education, research, and personal development (Gornji Milanovac). She is the author of the short stories book *On the benches*. She believes in cultivating curiosity and goodwill.

IN PERSON

To get what we've never had, we must do what we have never done. (Juan Casimiro)



ANDRIJANA GABOROVIĆ

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Andrijana Gaborović is a Teaching Assistant at Faculty of Technical Sciences Čačak, University of Kragujevac. Her teaching and research fields include information technologies, business intelligence, artificial intelligence, and data mining. She completed her Bachelor's and Master's studies in Information Technologies with outstanding academic success and is currently a PhD student. She is the author and co-author of numerous scientific papers presented at international and national conferences. She has also participated in research projects and earned several international certificates.

IN PERSON

*The greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.
(Steve Jobs)*



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TECH SUPPORT



IN PERSON

No matter how you feel, get up, dress up, show up, and never give up. (Regina Brett)



JELENA IVIĆ

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Jelena Ivić completed her Bachelor's degree in Printing Technology at the Academy of Applied Studies Polytechnic in Belgrade and earned a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Faculty of Technical Sciences in Čačak. With more than 25 years of professional experience, she has built a successful career as a graphic designer and digital marketing specialist. Throughout her career, she has designed and edited numerous books, publications, promotional materials, and marketing campaigns, combining technical expertise with creative vision. Her work spans print and digital media, encompassing visual identity development, publishing projects, branding, and strategic digital communication.

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