

MARMARA UNIVERSITY

**8th BAKEA**  
International  
Western Cultural and Literary  
Studies Symposium

01-02-03 November 2023

*BAKEA Symposium is open to all participants from the fields of English Language and Literature, American Culture and Literature, French and German Language and Literary Studies, Comparative Literature, Translation Studies.*

***Deadline for paper proposals:***  
**30 June 2023**

**HUMAN**

The 8th BAKEA (International Western Cultural and Literary Studies Symposium), the first of which was initiated and organized in 2009 by the Department of Western Languages and Literatures at Pamukkale University, will be held at Marmara University, jointly hosted by Departments of English, German and French Language Literature; Departments of French, German and English Translation.

The global environmental crisis urges us all to rethink the limits of human-centred approaches in humanities. Debates concerning the categories of race, gender and society have amplified dramatically, giving rise to the posthuman, the human, and the non-human as new perspectives that question anthropocentric assumptions of

traditional humanism. This shift has culminated in the flourishing of new narratives which zoom in on the relationship between the human and the non-human in all its forms.

We invite broad and inclusive literary, linguistic, and cultural approaches, individual papers and team panels including but not limited to the following topics:

In literature and culture:

- Human and the world
- Human and language
- Anthropocentrism
- Posthumanism
- Transhumanism and its discontents
- Critical approaches to representations of human and nonhumans
- Human and animals; animal studies and humanities
- Human and nature; human in the nature
- Environmental humanism
- Ecofobia
- Human and society
- Human and the individual
- Humans and loneliness
- Humans and violence
- Humans and utopia/dystopia; utopia and dystopia imaginings
- Intersectional posthumanities

**Please send your 250-word paper proposals by 30 June 2023 accompanied by a short bio as word file attachment to the following e-mail address:**

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