

Conference Report Yaqiong Xu

Thank you again for granting me the CIPL fund to travel to the conference EuroSLA31 that took place at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland (24-27th August, 2022). This conference was the first one that I attended physically in Europe due to the pandemic. It turned out to be an empowering experience for me personally and professionally.

I got to (co-)present two papers with my main supervisor: “*Negotiating the multilingual turn through DLC: Examining EAL teachers’ beliefs, practices, and multilingual identity in Norway*” and ““*Multilingualism is a resource, not a difficulty*”: *Exploring Norwegian teachers’ beliefs and reported practices in multilingual settings.*”

Presenting the papers helped to lift me from my ongoing study, interacting with audiences face-to-face brought me the joy of disseminating research, and the questions from the audience further provided me with new insights and motivated me to continue my PhD study. Moreover, I got to know about other interesting projects focusing on multilingualism and multilingual education, I networked with other PhD candidates from different contexts, and interacted with experts in the field, which inspired me academically and socially. I got to realize a truth: researchers are human beings, and research is something that comes from the bottom of the heart.

Overall, by participating in this conference, I am clearer about situating myself in the educational linguistic field and I have become more enthusiastic about my research project. I deeply appreciate the support from the CIPL to make this happen. Thank you!