

Preface

The volume *Young Minds vs. Old Questions in Linguistics* is a collection of ten papers selected from the presentations delivered at the Fourth Central European Conference in Linguistics for Postgraduate Students (CECIL'S 4). The conference was held on 21-22 August 2014 at the Institute of East-Central Europe in Lublin and the Institute of English of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland. CECIL'S 4 covered the main areas of modern theoretical linguistics, both in its synchronic and diachronic flavors, as well as the significant aspects of applied linguistics, including ELT methodology. The special focus of the conference was on languages spoken in the Central European region, and the similarities and differences they show with respect to other languages. The conference participants presented 34 papers altogether, including 15 talks and 19 posters. There were two plenary talks delivered by Ángel L. Jiménez-Fernández (University of Seville, Spain) and Markus Alexander Pöchtrager (Boğaziçi University, Turkey).

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