

# Kornelija Čakarun

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## Profile

I am a senior lecturer in (business) English and German at the University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Croatia. I received a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Zadar, Croatia. My primary research interests include English-medium instruction, language for specific purposes and second language acquisition.

## Work Experience

### SENIOR LECTURER

University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Ivana Filipovića 4, 51000 Rijeka  
May 2024 – present

### LECTURER

University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Ivana Filipovića 4, 51000 Rijeka  
March 2019 – May 2024

### EXTERNAL ASSOCIATE

University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, Ivana Filipovića 4, 51000 Rijeka  
October 2018 – February 2019

### GERMAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE TEACHER

Osnovna škola Malinska-Dubašnica, Stipkino 7, Bogovići, 51511 Malinska  
December 2017, September 2018 – February 2019

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE TEACHER

Osnovna škola Omišalj, Bajec 8, 51513 Omišalj  
January – June 2016, September 2016 – February 2019

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE TEACHER

Osnovna škola "Fran Krsto Frankopan", Frankopanska 40, 51500 Krk  
May 2015 – December 2016

### GERMAN LANGUAGE LECTURER

Foreign language school Poliglot, Wenzelova 2, 51000 Rijeka  
November 2015 – February 2016

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE TEACHER

Ekonomska škola Mije Mirkovića Rijeka, Ivana Filipovića 2, 51000 Rijeka  
September 2013 – March 2014, October 2014, February – April 2015

### ENGLISH AND GERMAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE TEACHER

Osnovna škola "Srdoči", Ante Modrušana 33, 51000 Rijeka  
February – March 2013, May 2013

### ENGLISH AND GERMAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE TEACHER

Osnovna škola Gornja Vežica, Gornja Vežica 31, 51000 Rijeka  
September – November 2012

## **TRANSLATOR**

State Inspectorate, Regional Unit Rijeka, Krk Branch office, Lukobran 5, 51500 Krk (seasonal, translator in the process of (i)llegal accommodation control);

Omišalj municipality (for individual, local needs);

Translating in the tourism area (for tourist agencies)

2011 – 2019

## **ENGLISH AND GERMAN LECTURER**

SPES – teaching and translation centre, Avenija Dubrovnik 15, 10020 Zagreb

February 2010 – June 2012

## **Education**

### **PHD IN LINGUISTICS**

University of Zadar, Ul. Mihovila Pavlinovića, 23000 Zadar

Postgraduate doctoral study programme in Humanities, scientific area: Philology – Linguistics

2021 – 2024

### **STATE QUALIFYING EXAM**

Agencija za odgoj i obrazovanje, Donje Svetice 38, 10000 Zagreb

2015

### **MASTER IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE AND MASTER OF EDUCATION IN GERMAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb, Ivana Lučića 3, 10000 Zagreb

Study programmes: English language and literature (teaching and translation study programmes) and German language and literature (teaching study programme)

2009 – 2012

### **BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE AND GERMAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Rijeka, Sveučilišna avenija 4, 51000 Rijeka

Study programmes: English language and literature and German language and literature

2006 – 2009

### **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**

Prva riječka hrvatska gimnazija, Frana Kurelca 1, 51000 Rijeka

Grammar school programme

2002 – 2006

### **MUSICIAN – MUSIC THEORY PROGRAMME**

Srednja glazbena škola "Mirković", Štangerova 67, 51410 Opatija

2001 – 2005

## **Skills & Abilities**

Mother tongue: Croatian

Other languages:

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Speaking	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
German	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user  
Common European Framework of References for Languages

- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills developed by working in the sectors of education and tourism
- Ability to adapt to new situations
- Experience in organising lectures held by guest lecturers
- Experience in organising English and German language school competitions
- Acquaintance with Microsoft Office tools
- Acquaintance with photo editing tools
- Tour guide for Primorje-Gorski kotar and Lika-Senj County (Croatian, English and German language)
- Lecturer at the Summer School of Glagolitic Script, organised by the association *Društvo za poljepšavanje Omišlja*

## Honours and awards

- Teaching Excellence Award, University of Rijeka, 2023
- Omišalj municipality scholarship, Omišalj municipality, 2004 – 2012
- Foundation *Ileana* award: Top student of the 2005/2006 generation in Prva riječka hrvatska gimnazija, 2006
- Runner-up at the International competition Cambridge English Readers-Creative Writing Competition, 2003

## Additional training

- Primjena generativne AI u obrazovanju: oblikovanje nastavnih sadržaja. EDIH Adria, 23 September 2024
- From research to practice: using GenAI with Cambridge materials. Cambridge, 30 January 2024
- Vrednovanje ishoda učenja u online okruženju. University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, 29 January 2024
- ProQuest One Business. Stefan Voss, ProQuest Customer Education Trainer, 5 October 2023
- 7th Annual Spring Research Seminar: Rising up to new challenges in multilingual education. Institute for Multilingualism, Universitat Internacional de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain, 1 April 2022
- Razvoj i procjena kvalitete e-kolegija. University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, 2021
- ICLHE Symposium. Université de Mons, Belgium, 15 –16 October 2020
- Kompetencijski pristup vrednovanja prema ishodima učenja. University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, 19 February 2020
- Priprema virtualnog predavanja – webinar (A200). University Computing Centre (Srce), University of Zagreb, 12 April 2019
- Austrian-Croatian summer college for Croatian and German language. Pula, 2008
- London study tour. Organised by Dr Ksenija Juretić, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics and Business, 2007
- English language summer schools. Great Britain, 2003 and 2004

## Conferences

- Čakarun, K. (2024, 10 – 11 October). *The impact of English-medium instruction (EMI) on students' English language proficiency* [Conference presentation]. ICLHE Symposium: Bridging the Gap: The Ideal and the Reality of Teaching Content through L2 in Higher Education, Wiesbaden, Germany.
- Čakarun, K. & Drljača Margić, B. (2024, 26 – 27 September). *Students' reflections on English for specific purposes in English-medium instruction* [Conference presentation]. 6th International Conference "Language for Specific Purposes: Approaches and Strategies", Belgrade, Serbia.
- Drljača Margić, B. & Čakarun, K. (2024, 11 – 16 August). *Students' English language progress in English-medium instruction: Assessment, self-assessment and perceptions* [Conference presentation]. 21st AILA World Congress: Linguistic Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Sustainability, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- Drljača Margić, B. & Čakarun, K. (2024, 3 – 7 January). *The effect of English-medium instruction on the advancement of students' English language proficiency* [Conference presentation]. The IAFOR International Conference on Education in Hawaii (IICE2024), Hawaii, USA.

- Čakarun, K., Kaštelan, K. & Kružić, D. (2023, 23 – 25 February). *Challenges in LSP teaching brought by the “New Normal”* [Conference presentation]. 6th International Conference “Contemporary challenges in LSP teaching”, Osijek, Croatia.
- Čakarun, K. & Drljača Margić, B. (2022, 18 – 21 October). *Comparison of EMI and non-EMI-students' English language progress* [Conference presentation]. 7th Integrating Content and Language in Higher Education Conference: EMI, ICLHE and Englishization, Maastricht, the Netherlands.
- Čakarun, K., Kaštelan, K. & Kružić, D. (2022, 22 – 24 June). *Online teaching experiences amidst the COVID-19 pandemic* [Conference presentation]. Colloque International “Crises, défis, innovation: atelier 1 - Langues de spécialité et traductions spécialisées – Didactique des langues de spécialité” (CRINI), Nantes, France.
- Kružić, D. & Čakarun, K. (2021, 22 – 23 October). *DAF in Kroatien. Die Unterrichtspraxis an der Wirtschaftswissenschaftlichen Fakultät der Universität Rijeka* [Conference presentation]. XV. Tagung der Deutschlehrerinnen und Deutschlehrer an der Universität del Norte, Barranquilla, Colombia.
- Čakarun, K. & Drljača Margić, B. (2021, 7 – 9 July). *EMI versus ESP: The impact on students' language proficiency development* [Conference presentation]. AELFE-TAPP 2021 International Conference, Vilanova i la Geltrú, Spain.

## Publications

- Čakarun, K. & Drljača Margić, B. (2024). EMI versus non-EMI: Students' motivation, expectations and language progress. In M. Aguilar-Pérez, B. Moncada-Comas & D. Tatzl (Eds.), *Developing Language Competence through English for Specific Purposes in English-Medium University Settings* (pp. 52-67). Bristol: Multilingual Matters.
- Čakarun, K., Kaštelan, K. & Kružić, D. (2023). Challenges in LSP teaching and learning brought by the “New Normal”. In B. Bošnjak Terzić, S. Kereković & M. Varga (Eds.), *6th International Conference “Contemporary Challenges in LSP Teaching”*. *Conference proceedings* (pp. 75–85). Osijek: Association of LSP Teachers at Higher Education Institutions.
- Čakarun, K. & Drljača Margić, B. (2022). Motivacija studenata za studijski program na engleskome jeziku i očekivanja vezana uz jezični napredak. *Strani jezici*, 51(2022), 207–231.
- Čakarun, K. & Drljača Margić, B. (2021). Language progress of EMI and non-EMI economics undergraduates: A comparative perspective. In E. Arnó Macià, M. Aguilar Pérez, J. Borràs, G. Mancho Barés, B. Moncada Comas & D. Tatzl (Eds.), *Multilingual academic and professional communication in a networked world. Proceedings of AELFE-TAPP 2021*. Vilanova i la Geltrú: Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya. ISBN 978-84-9880-943-5.  
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