

Welcome to the

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

University of Namur, 12 December 2025

BAAHE activities



- BAAHE spotlight event on **student trips & excursions** in June
 - about 15 attendees
 - slides still available online at <https://events.unamur.be/e/trips>
 - more online events of this type planned
 - suggestions always welcome!

Belgian Association of Anglicists in Higher Education

BAAHE SPOTLIGHT 

Join us online to discuss

Student trips and excursions:
Tips, tricks, dos and don'ts

Thursday 5 June 2025 @5 pm
Registration and info at:
events.unamur.be/e/trips


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BAAHE activities



- first informal meet-up of a **PhD and postdoc network**
 - excursion to Antwerp organized on behalf of the BAAHE board by Emma-Louise Silva
 - about 10 attendees
 - positive evaluation:
 - chance to interact informally among ECRs (<=> research can be isolating)
 - community-building across institutions and regions
 - potential collaborations, reading groups, workshops,...
 - to be continued: **get in touch** if interested!



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Say hello to the newly formed BAAHE (post)doc network! After getting to know one another during lunch on a sunny Monday in September, we headed to Het Letterenhuis for an inspiring guided tour. We're looking forward to more gatherings soon, starting with the upcoming annual BAAHE conference on the 12th of December. Registration is open (<https://lifespan.unamur.be/>)!

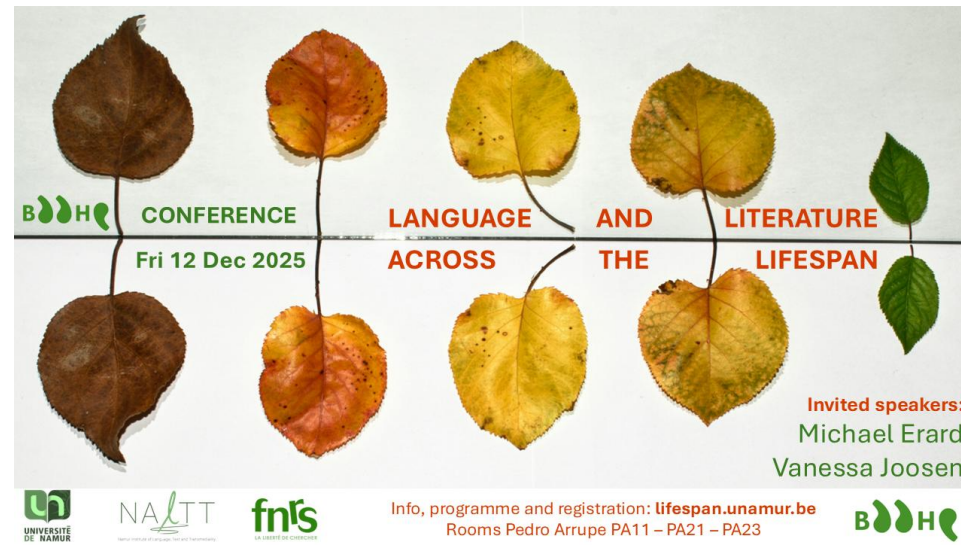


 Lieven Buysse and 11 others

BAAHE activities



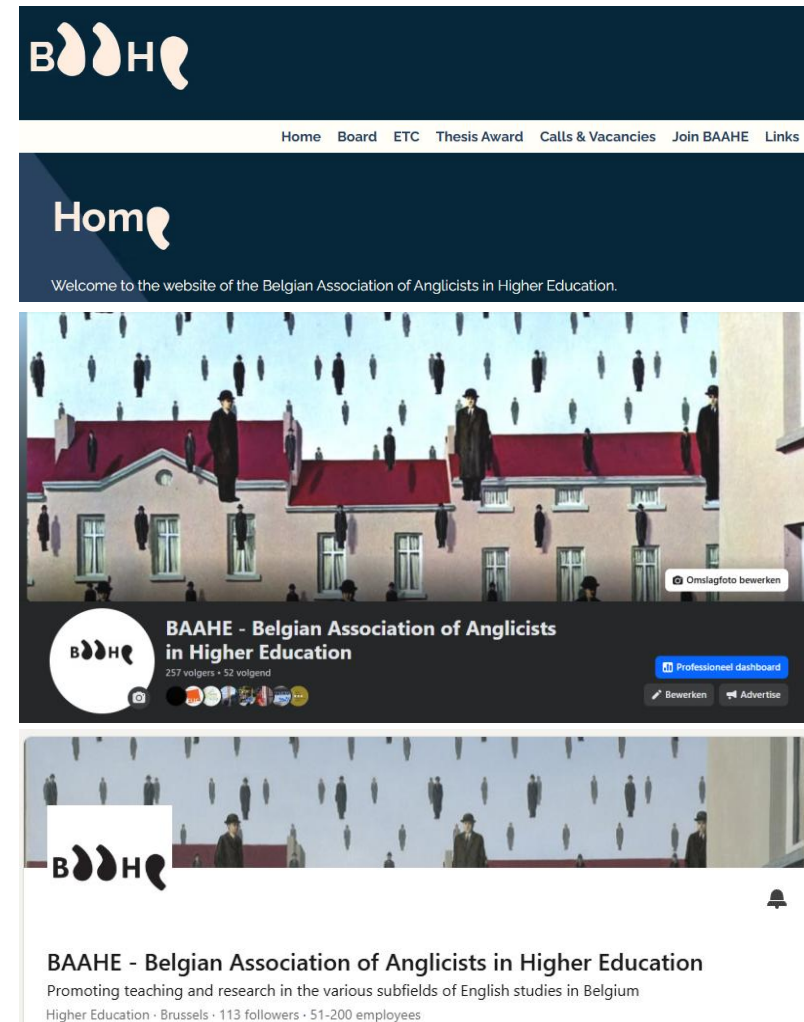
- BAAHE conference 2025 in Namur
 - with pre-conference symposium (streamed/recorded)



- Thesis Award ceremony: coming up right after the AGM
- BAAHE conference 2026: UC Louvain?

BAAHE comms

- website
- continuation of the Facebook page
- start of a LinkedIn page
- change to the **mailing list**
 - new 'listserv' system, which all members can post to directly, without going through the secretary
 - mail to: baahe@lists.uantwerpen.be
 - list home: <https://lists.uantwerpen.be/sympa/info/baahe>
 - access limited to paid-up members (while public access continues for Facebook and LinkedIn, of course)



Updates from the ESSE board



- Doctoral Symposium & Board Meeting, Malta, September
- transfer of presidency on 1 Jan 2025 to Lieven Buysse
- membership fee 9 euros (included in BAAHE fee)
- more than 7,500 members (largest associations: France, Spain, Germany, Italy, UK, Romania)



Updates from the ESSE board

- ESSE withdraws from X but adds LinkedIn (also on Facebook, Bluesky, and the web of course)

- update coming soon to the website: **ESSE Journal Repository**

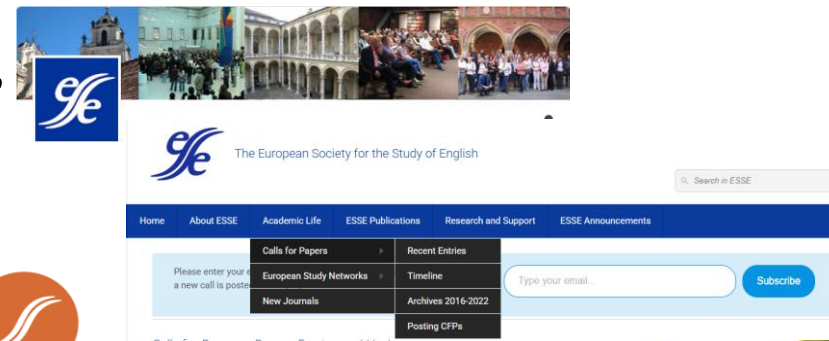
- the *ESSE Messenger* (online) continues to catch up its publication delay

- the *European Journal of English Studies* (eds. Isabel Carrera Suárez, Katerina Kitsi-Mitakou & Frederik Van Dam) has a new book reviews editor: Nina Engelhardt

- **CFP for 2027 issues** (proposals due **15 Jan**)

- ESSE has a new treasurer and secretary:

- Angelika Reichmann replaces Gašper Ilc as treasurer
 - Martina Domines replaces Biljana Mišić Ilić as secretary



The ESSE Messenger



Volume 31 (to be published in 2027)

Americanising English(es). Guest Editors: Javier Calle-Martin (University of Málaga, Spain); Marta Pacheco-Franco (University of Málaga, Spain); David Britain (University of Bern, Switzerland).

Narrating Conflict and Human Rights: Literature as Witness, Archive, and Agent of Change. Guest editors: Tomasz Kalaga (Kujawy and Pomorzse University in Bydgoszcz), Tiziana Ingravallo (University of Foggia), Loredana Salis (University of Sassari).

Narrating Hope: Voices and Images of Resistance against the Capitalocene. Guest Editors: Maria Porras Sánchez (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain); Susana Nicolás Román (Universidad de Almería, Spain); Janet Wilson (University of Northampton, UK).



Updates from the ESSE board



- calls for bursaries and book awards (deadline 1 Feb)
- call for book and resource grants (deadline 1 May)
- calls for participation in the Doctoral Symposium and in the ESSE 2026 conference (deadline 31 Jan)
 - note the seminars co-organized by Belgian colleagues:
 - Metadiscourse in and on social media (seminar 12)
 - Linguistic creativity in the age of generative AI (seminar 15)
 - Translation and AI: Training and practice (seminar 16)
 - Mental illness in contemporary Anglophone literature: New narrative perspectives (seminar 30)
 - Narrative journalism / literary reportage and political populism (seminar 45)
- ESSE 2028: Manchester Metropolitan University

Research and Support

According to its Constitution, ESSE's goal is "to advance the education of the public by promoting the European study and understanding of English languages, literatures in English and cultures of English-speaking peoples". Hence, one of ESSE's main aims is to assist ESSE member academics in different countries in carrying out their research and in promoting their academic publications which fall within the scope of the ESSE proclamation. For these reasons, ESSE offers a bursary scheme to support young and senior scholars, and it provides book and resource grants to researchers whose academic activities agree with ESSE goals. Every other year, ESSE also awards prizes to junior and senior scholars for books they wrote in the field of English studies. Besides, ESSE offers financial support for parallel lecture speakers at ESSE conferences and for plenary speakers at national conferences of affiliated national associations. In parallel, ESSE also organises a Doctoral Symposium, open to PhD students who are writing their theses in English Studies.

Book Awards	Bursaries for Research Trips
For 2026	In English Studies
2024 Winners	In Gender Studies within English Studies
Previous Winners	
Grants	Support for National Associations
Book and Resource Grants	National Conferences Plenary Speaker
Doctoral Symposium	ESSE Conference Parallel Speaker 2026
Doctoral Symposium	

ESSE Conference

31st August - 4th September 2026
Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Welcome Venue Calls For Participation Registration Academic Programme Travel And Accommodation Social Programme Conference Committees




WELCOME

2026 ESSE CONFERENCE

The 2026 European Society for the Study of English Conference will take place at the [University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain](#), 31 August – 4 September.

BAAHE finances

- BAAHE fee structure

- €9 to ESSE (or €6.75 for non-tenured members) 
- €30 to Benjamins for the journal 
- FU / US sponsoring for the journal (2k€/year) 
- current BAAHE fees
 - **€30** for non-tenured members (including retired faculty)
 - **€40** for tenured members
 - BAAHE 2025 renewal = registered as ESSE member for all 2026 purposes (applications, submissions etc.)
- financial aim: set aside 6k€ as a buffer
 - to keep afloat should FU/US become unavailable in future



BAAHE finances



- annual financial report prepared by the treasurer
- to be signed by two (non-board) BAAHE members

BAAHE Financial Report 2025

AGM
12 December 2025
University of Namur

ON 8 DECEMBER 2025, THE BAAHE ACCOUNT DISPLAYED A BALANCE OF € 7.994,17.
THE TABLES BELOW SUMMARIZE THE CASH INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS OVER THE PAST YEAR.

2025 (12 December 2024 – 8 December 2025)

Revenue		Expenses	
83 membership payments 2025		Bank charges	51.05
49 tenured	2,040.00	Benjamins 17.1 + 17.2	2,610.00
34 non-tenured	1,020.00	ESSE Contribution 2025	670.50
4 early membership payments 2026		BAAHE Postdoc event	171.65
2 tenured	80.00		
2 non-tenured	60.00		
TOTAL	3,200.00	TOTAL	3,503.20

Note: Revenue: FU/US funding to be transferred in December 2025
Expenses: BAAHE Thesis Award still to be paid in December 2025

BAAHE finances



- proposal: **try-out** of an **additional fee ‘tier’** for research MA students, and for PhD students who do not have access to a bench fee (FWO/FNRS) **and** who cannot get support from their department or research group to help pay for the BAAHE membership fee
 - by request to the BAAHE treasurer, to whom the board delegates discretionary power
 - fee type which includes ESSE membership (and so access to ESSE discounts and subsidies) and BAAHE mailing list membership
 - proposed fee: **€15** instead of €30?
- **vote**

News from our journal

English Text Construction



- special issues in progress:
 - an issue based on BAAHE's 2024 conference at VUB, "(Trans)portable: English in the world"
 - an issue based on the Brussels Institute for Journalism Studies' 2024 conference, "Voices and sources in the news"
 - an issue based on an ICAME 2025 workshop, "Per Studia Contrastiva ad Astra: Looking Back, Leaping Forward"
- submissions, special issue proposals (and reviewers) welcome!
- 'online first' articles
- renewal of the board



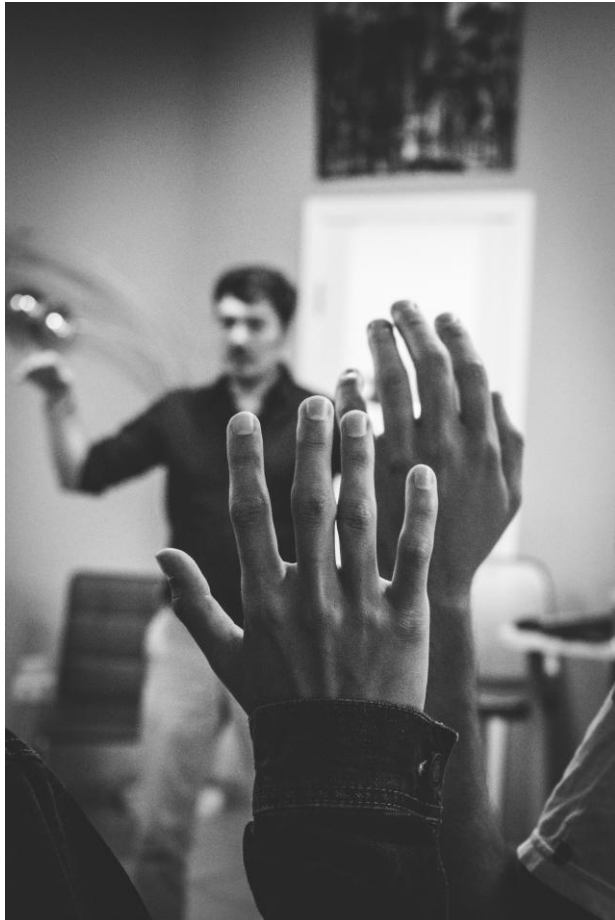
Changes on the BAAHE board



- Bernard De Clerck temporarily takes over as secretary during Marilize Pretorius' maternity leave
- are leaving the board:
 - **Jesse Marion**, webmaster since 2022
 - **Jennifer Thewissen**, secretary from 2018-2024 and regular board member since
- declared candidates (but candidates can still volunteer from the floor):
 - **Simon Copet** (webmaster)
 - **David Lombard** (regular board member)
 - both would strengthen the 'ECR' representation within the board (PhD student and postdoc respectively)

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Welcome to the

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THESIS AWARD CEREMONY

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- five submissions to this year's Thesis Award, in the domains of English linguistics and translation studies
- institutions from which theses were submitted: KU Leuven, UC Louvain, UGent, ULB, UMONS
- all received a grade above 80% (the minimum threshold for the award)
- prize money of EUR250
- invitation to submit to our journal ETC



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BAAHE
THESIS AWARD

We are seeking nominations for the 2025 BAAHE Thesis Award in **English linguistics or translation studies**, for MA theses presented in 2023-2024 or 2024-2025.

For more info, see <https://baahe4.wixsite.com/baahe/award>

Deadline: 12 September 2025

Contact: caroline.gentens@kuleuven.be

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2025 THESIS AWARD 



Juliette Georges (UMons)

Quite – that’s quite something.

A qualitative corpus-based study of the degree modifier *quite*

Proclamation



- from the jury reports...
 - I have read the master thesis on *quite* and its translation in French with **pleasure**. Part of the pleasure had to do with the clear structure, the explicit information about the research questions and the steps taken to come to answers.
 - I much enjoyed the way the author introduced the topic, with the help of an excerpt from a song from the musical *Calendar girls*, titled *Very slightly almost*. This was **very original** but also **very effective**. The author has clearly been **enthusiastic** about her research topic and she is very much at ease discussing all the functional intricacies of *quite*, in particular its different interpretation effects.

Proclamation



- from the jury reports...
 - The author has done an **excellent job** coming to grips with [*quite*'s] occurrence in many different grammatical contexts (*quite nice; quite the expert; I quite forgot; quite a few; Not quite; etc.*) and with many different uses (as a maximizer, as a moderator, as a booster, in negation).
 - The thesis is **absolutely excellent!** The functional diversity of *quite* and the problem of its translation have been addressed before quite extensively, so it is very ambitious to take up this topic again. In my opinion, it has brought the research on *quite* a step further and it ends with clear indications of what the next steps in research could be.