

Press Release

Inspirational Talk 2025 with Mary Kalantzis & Bill Cope

As part of its international outreach strategy and with the aim of strengthening its connection with the global research community, the Interdepartmental Postgraduate Program *“Analysis and Teaching of First and Second/Foreign Language”*—offered jointly by the **Department of Mediterranean Studies: Archaeology, Linguistics, International Relations** and the **Department of Primary Education** of the **University of the Aegean**—launches a new annual event titled **“Inspirational Talk”** featuring renowned scholars from international universities and research institutions.

This initiative aims to create a vibrant forum for the exchange of ideas and scholarly dialogue, open both to the academic community and the general public.

The **inaugural Inspirational Talk** will be delivered by **Mary Kalantzis** and **Bill Cope**, two of the most influential figures in global educational research. With distinguished academic careers at the **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign** and a prolific body of scholarly work, the Kalantzis–Cope duo is internationally known for pioneering approaches in learning, multiliteracies, and the integration of technology in education.

Their timely talk is titled:

“Literacy in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.”

The **Inspirational Talk 2025** will take place **online** on **Wednesday, May 28**, from **19:00 to 20:30 (Greek time)**, via the following Zoom link:

<https://aegean-gr.zoom.us/j/96956204194?pwd=I6P5CfiAKBYEaxZElAgSH0wF0MdZcc.1>

Participation is free and open to all.