

Call for papers
Hungarian Studies Yearbook (2026 issue)
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Submission deadlines

Abstracts: February 18, 2026

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Full manuscript submission: June 22, 2026

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The *Hungarian Studies Yearbook* (HSY) is a premier international forum dedicated to the advancement of Hungarian studies. We are pleased to announce that the journal is published by De Gruyter Brill via the Paradigm Publishing platform. HSY is indexed in several prestigious international databases and is currently ranked in the Scopus Q1 quartile, a distinction that reflects our commitment to scholarly excellence and our significant impact within the global academic community.

The *Hungarian Studies Yearbook* serves as a central academic hub for the field. We solicit contributions that offer methodologically rigorous inquiries as well as evidence-based, resource-oriented research that uncovers new primary sources or provides novel interpretations of existing data.

While the journal remains committed to the traditional boundaries of Hungarian studies, we specifically encourage submissions in the following areas: Hungarian Literary History and Comparative Literature, Literary Theory, Theoretical and Applied Linguistics, Hungarian Ethnography, Ethnology, and Anthropology

For the forthcoming 2026 issue, the editors welcome original research papers across all aspects of Hungarian studies, with a particular interest in articles addressing the special theme: ***Borders, Borderlands, and Contact Zones within Central and Eastern Europe and the Hungarian Linguistic and Cultural Area***. We invite contributors to explore this concept through various disciplinary lenses—whether geographical, linguistic, cultural, or theoretical.

In light of the "spatial turn" and recent advancements in Border Studies, borders are no longer conceptualized merely as static political lines. Instead, they are understood as dynamic, socially constructed processes—**bordering**—and as spaces of intense cultural negotiation. This issue seeks to explore how these zones function as sites of conflict, transition, and hybridity through the interdisciplinary lenses of linguistics, literature, and cultural anthropology. We invite submissions that address, but are not limited to, the following thematic areas:

Linguistic studies:

- dialectal shifts and language contact: researching linguistic variation within border regions
- translingual practices: examining transcultural connections and linguistic fluidity
- linguistic landscapes: multilingualism and semiotic displays in Central European "contact zones"
- symbolic borders: the role of language in the social construction or dissolution of boundaries
- sociolinguistics: in-depth analyses of code-switching and language variation
- cognitive/mental mapping: the "imagined" borders of the Hungarian linguistic area

Literary studies:

- transcultural identities: analysis of migrant narratives and cross-border identity formation.
- minority literatures: exploring the aesthetics of liminality in "small" and "hyperminor" literatures
- boundary crossings: adaptation, intertextuality, and the movement of ideas across texts

- generic fluidity: transcending and redefining traditional genre borders
- historical transitions: literary representations of geopolitical and social shifts
Cultural anthropology, ethnography, and folklore:
- geopolitical impact: the effects of shifting borders on social relations, mobility, and local livelihoods
- identity and belonging: cultural practices that exist across and beyond political borders
- memory and heritage: social memory, heritage-making, and competing historical narratives in borderland regions
- lived experiences: ethnographic accounts of everyday life in contact zones
- ritual and symbolism: religion and symbolic practices within borderland contexts
- informal economies: reciprocity, transborder exchange, and shadow markets

All manuscripts must be submitted in English. Submissions must adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity and rigor. Detailed information regarding the journal's scope, submission process, and recent issues can be found at our official website: <https://reference-global.com/journal/HSY> Inquiries regarding the forthcoming issue or the submission process may be directed to the editorial board at hsy.reviste@ubbcluj.ro.