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Dear Reader,

The Department of Human Studies of the Faculty of Business and Humanities organised the second edition of the Conference on *Discourse, Culture and Representation*. The 2012 edition was entitled *Discourses of Space*.

The present issue of *Philologica* continues the series of studies initiated in the first issue of volume 4, comprising a selection of papers presented at this conference which approach space from perspectives other than that of literature.

The concrete, physical (geographical) space of different social (ethnic, religious) groups and more abstract (mental, ritual, linguistic, virtual, interdisciplinary) spaces are discussed in these papers. However, they have one common denominator: the human being, who tries to comprehend and explain his/her relation or attitude to these spaces. The wide variety of perspectives points out those manifold possibilities that allow for different interpretations. The studies of this volume highlight the latest developments of this intriguing area of study, which – we hope – will offer pleasant reading to those who are interested in discourses of space.

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