

Unilab and the Atlanta Global Studies Center at Georgia State University Hold Global Symposium on Artificial Intelligence in English Language Teaching in a Multicultural Context

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The “2026 Global Symposium: Building Global Bridges Through Storytelling in the Age of Artificial Intelligence” was held on September 25, 2026, at the Auditório das Auroras at the University for International Integration of the Afro-Brazilian Lusophony (Unilab).

The event was organized by Professor Dr. Ethan Trinh, a 2026–2027 Fulbright Distinguished Scholar and Associate Director of the Atlanta Global Studies Center at Georgia State University (GSU), USA, in collaboration with Unilab’s Institute of Languages and Literatures (ILL), the English Language and Literature Teacher Education Program, and the university’s Language Center. The initiative was developed jointly by Dr. Trinh and Unilab professors Wesley Cezar and Kaline Girão Antonini.

The event benefited from the support and coordination of ILL Director Professor Dr. Tiago Martins da Cunha; English Language and Literature Program Coordinator Professor Dr. Alane Melo da Silva; and Professors Drs. Joao Luiz and Camila, who helped create opportunities for students to participate. Student Felipe Bezerra, who had been assisting Dr. Trinh during their visit, also provided interpreting support for the entire event, helping make the event linguistically accessible and inclusive. The panel featured Dr. David Yenerall of GSU, Professor Eduardo Silva of Unilab, and UNILAB student Vitória Oliveira. Professor Wesley Cezar of Unilab served as moderator.

Unilab Rector Professor Roque do Nascimento Albuquerque was represented by Pro-Rector Professor Basilele Malomalo and Professor Ricardino Jacinto Dumas Teixeira, Coordinator for International Cooperation, Mobility and Interiorization (CIMI) at the Office of Institutional and International Relations (Prointer). For Prointer, which provided institutional support for the symposium alongside ILL, the event represents a milestone in the ongoing development and formalization of Unilab’s faculty mobility program.

Dr. Trinh’s engaging talk centered on local stories in the era of artificial intelligence (AI), inviting individual and collective reflection on how people with diverse cultural backgrounds, histories, languages, identities, and experiences connect across national borders. The symposium extended beyond a traditional question-and-answer session, encouraging active participation by students, faculty members, and the broader academic community. Participants shared perspectives from Brazilian, African, and U.S. contexts, bringing their narratives into conversation and promoting intercultural dialogue.

Dr. Trinh’s visit to Unilab through the Fulbright Brazil program strengthens the partnership between the two universities, opens new possibilities for institutional cooperation, and expands opportunities to build sustainable academic bridges among students, faculty members, and communities in Brazil and the United States through virtual exchange, Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL), internationalization, intercultural dialogue, and collaborative learning.