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Speaking topics:

- Children’s and adolescent literatures
- Youth culture and cultural studies
- Girls’ culture and girls’ popular fiction