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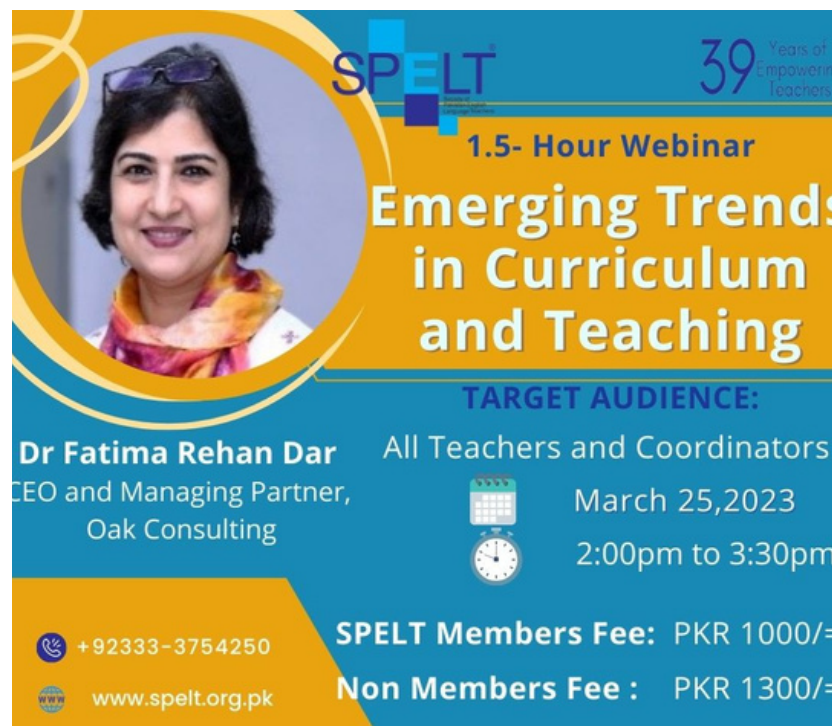
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## Upcoming Webinar



The poster features a circular portrait of Dr. Fatima Rehan Dar on the left. To the right, the text reads: 'SPELT 39 Years of Empowering Teachers', '1.5- Hour Webinar', 'Emerging Trends in Curriculum and Teaching', 'TARGET AUDIENCE: All Teachers and Coordinators', 'March 25, 2023', '2:00pm to 3:30pm', 'Dr Fatima Rehan Dar CEO and Managing Partner, Oak Consulting', '+92333-3754250', 'www.spelt.org.pk', 'SPELT Members Fee: PKR 1000/=', and 'Non Members Fee : PKR 1300/='. There is also a small calendar icon.

Globalization, technological innovation, and demographic changes are creating both new demands and opportunities. What is required is the capacity to think across disciplines, connect ideas and “construct information”. (Hans and Crasta, 2019). It has, therefore, become imperative to deconstruct and reconstruct curriculum practices and philosophies and realign pedagogical trends in the light of 21st century skills and contemporary developments. Teachers need to deskill, reskill and upskill themselves in order to meet the challenges of current times and create opportunities in classrooms for learners to reap the maximum benefits.

This online workshop will make teachers aware of the new trends in curriculum and teaching and discuss innovative pedagogical ideas which can be incorporated into teaching to ensure effective learning outcomes. It will also share a few skills and attitudes that will help teachers to make this transformational leap and reimagine their roles in classrooms.

**Dr Fatima Rehan Dar** works as CEO and Managing Partner, Oak Consulting. Oak Consulting is a consulting firm that offers services in areas of educational reforms, trainings and research. Dr Dar holds a PhD in Education from School of Education and Cognitive Sciences, Asia e University, Malaysia, an M.A. in Curriculum and Teaching from Columbia University, USA and an MA in English from Government College University, Lahore (PAK).

Dr Dar is a senior professional with 27 years of experience in teacher education, curriculum development, professional training of teachers and research. She has been associated with the education

departments of various academic institutions including SZABIST, Beaconhouse National University, Aga Khan University, Iqra University, Karachi, IOBM, Karachi, Virtual University, Lahore and Ali Institute of Education, Lahore. She also served as Team Lead, Monitoring, Evaluation and Research on the USAID funded Sindh Capacity Development Project and has been adviser and lead consultant with various international agencies including DFID, McKinsey, Adam Smith International, World Bank and JICA. She is also working in an advisory capacity with the Federal Ministry of Education and Professional Training and Public-private partnership Node, Government of Sindh. She is also involved as a Technical Advisor with UNICEF and The Citizen's Foundation on language based projects in Balochistan and Sindh respectively. Her national and international featured talks at seminars, conferences and her publications touch upon contemporary issues in education, English Language Teaching and curriculum and also present plausible solutions to the standing concerns in education in Pakistan.



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# UPCOMING FREE ACADEMIC SESSION



ACD Session No: 461



## Free Academic Session for English Teachers in collaboration with Durbeen

### The Smart Teacher's Guide to Artificial Intelligence

This comprehensive presentation takes a deep dive into ChatGPT, the innovative AI language model that can consolidate knowledge, provide essay feedback, create worksheets, and assist in language acquisition. With a range of case studies and engaging demonstrations, attendees will discover how ChatGPT can be used to enhance student engagement, ease teacher workload, and ultimately, improve learning outcomes.



**Saira Mahmood** is the Instructional Lead at the Academic Writing Centre at the GECE (Hussainabad), where she supports students in developing their English language skills. She is currently researching foreign-language acquisition and has experience teaching English language and literature at the University of Karachi and Happy Home School. She holds an MA in English Literature.

**Day:** Saturday

**Date:** March 25, 2023

**Time:** 02:00 to 3:30pm

**PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL**

#### Venue

Government Elementary College  
of Education, Hussainabad,  
Federal B Area, Block 2, **Karachi**

#### Location

AV Room, 2nd Floor

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## Representing SPELT at IATEFL, UK and TESOL International, USA

SPELT is an affiliate of IATEFL, UK and TESOL International, USA. Each year, SPELT nominates a representative for these 2 conferences. These conferences provide a great networking opportunity which is leveraged by SPELT representatives to identify and invite speakers for the SPELT conference and learn new ideas about addressing the many challenges that face Language Teachers Associations today.

For 2023, we are happy to announce that Dr Naizha Ali has been nominated to represent SPELT both the IATEFL Conference due to be held in Harrogate UK from **April 18 to 21, 2023** and the TESOL

International Conference in Portland, Oregon, USA from **March 21 to 24, 2023**. She will be attending the Associates Day in the IATEFL Conference and the Affiliate Leadership Workshop and Affiliate Colloquium at TESOL to share with and learn from other affiliates.

We look forward to hearing from her about her participation in these affiliate conference events and reading her detailed reports on her return.

IF YOU ARE A SPELT MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS AND WISH TO REPRESENT SPELT AT THE IATEFL OR TESOL CONFERENCES IN 2024, PLEASE CONTACT THE SPELT OFFICE WITH YOUR REQUEST AND DETAILS OF YOUR CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AT LEAST 10-12 WEEKS BEFORE THE EVENT.



## ELT NEWS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

We are pleased to inform you about this wonderful opportunity to become a member of the International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language (IATEFL) by paying PKR 2500 only. This exclusive offer is time-bound, and only for SPELT members.

**The benefits of becoming an IATEFL member through the Wider Membership Scheme are:**

- 1. Keep yourself updated about the latest happenings in the ELT global community**
- 2. Get connected to the wider English language community (100+ affiliates of IATEFL)**
- 3. Get access to FREE resources for IATEFL members only**
- 4. Get first-hand information about scholarships and grants**
- 5. Get discount on conference registration and other paid courses/webinars**

If interested, please send your IATEFL membership request to the SPELT office with your membership details. You will then be guided about how you can make your payment. please get in touch with Sadia Jamil for more information and payment details:



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The last date for submission of details including proof of bank payment is May 10, 2023.  
We hope you will benefit from this exclusive offer.





AsiaTEFL celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. With your constant support and participation, AsiaTEFL has grown remarkably in both size and content, boasting about 19,000 members from all around the world who have gathered together with the shared goal of developing our profession: English language teaching in Asian contexts and cultures.

The 21st AsiaTEFL International Conference, or AsiaTEFL 2023, being held in celebration of our 20th anniversary, will take place at Daejeon Convention Center, Daejeon, S. Korea, **August 17-20, 2023**. The conference theme is "Celebrating ELT in Asia: Visions and Aspirations." Please visit the AsiaTEFL website for more details.



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**39<sup>th</sup> SPELT**  
**International Conference 2023**  
**November 4 & 5, 2023**

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To join the SPELT Facebook group, please visit the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/235003087675238/> You will be asked for your SPELT membership number, before your request is accepted.

## About Membership Subscription and Dues

### Individual Membership

1500 PKR

### Institution Membership

5000 PKR

### 3 Yeras Membership

4000 PKR

### International Package for 3 years

US\$ 125/

### International Membership for 1 year

US\$ 60/

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