



# SPELT eBulletin

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# 39<sup>th</sup> SPELT International Conference 2023

*Teaching-Learning of English Language: Looking Towards the Future*

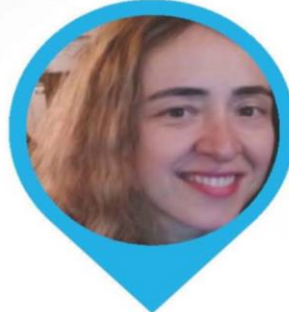
**Date:** November 4-5, 2023

**Venue:** Habib Public School

## Keynote Speaker

**Tamrika Khvtisiashvili, USA**  
English Language Specialist, U.S. State Department

**TOPIC:**  
"Classroom 2.0: Tools for Digital Learning that students love."



## Plenary Speaker

**Melanie Gobert, UAE**  
Former President of TESOL

**TOPIC:**  
"Negotiating the Linguistic Challenges of English as a Medium of Instruction."



## Plenary Speaker

**Dr. Mike Medley, U.S**  
Professor Emeritus at Eastern Mennonite University

**TOPIC:**  
"Self-Care For Teachers".



## Plenary Speaker

**Dr. John Baker, Vietnam**  
Ton Duc Thang University

**TOPIC:**  
"Empowering Apprenticing Writing with Model Texts."



## Plenary Speaker

**Abbas Husain, Pakistan**  
Director, Teachers' Development Centre

**TOPIC:**  
"The Time is Out of Joint".



## Plenary Speaker

**Dr. Nguyen Ngoc Vu, Vietnam**  
Ho Chi Minh City University

**TOPIC:**  
"Navigating the Future of TESOL with Artificial Intelligence."



## Featured Speaker

**Sabina Khatri, Pakistan**

Founder of Kiran Foundation



**Dr. Fatima Dar, Pakistan**

CEO and Managing Partner, Oak Consulting



**Rafiah Mudassir, Pakistan**

Founder of Noor ul Huda Education



Send in your abstracts if you want to be part of the conference on *Teaching - Learning of English Language: Looking Towards the Future*

## Call for Papers Link

<https://forms.gle/1ZHsCdSunEUaR3Tt8>

**NOTE: Submission date has been extended!**

**Send in your abstracts latest by 07 September 2023**

**Your Organization can become a Learning Partner by availing any of the following packages:**

Package 1: PKR 15,000	Package 2: PKR 20,000	Package 3: PKR 25,000
Display of partner organization's logo on the <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. backdrop in the main hall of the conference</li><li>ii. conference page of SPELT website</li><li>iii. SPELT's social media pages</li></ul>	Everything included in Package 1 and <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Air time for partner organization's advertisement (maximum 01 minute) during the conference</li><li>ii. one standee displayed in the main hall</li></ul>	Everything included in Package 2 and <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>iii. Recorded message from partner organization's representative (45-60 seconds)</li></ul>

## Lead Sponsors

SPELT extends its gratitude to **Oxford University Press** and **Habib Public School System** for being the Lead Sponsors for the 39th SPELT International Conference *Teaching - Learning of English Language: Looking Towards the Future*



**SPELT has opened registration for the 39th SPELT International Conference 2023**

**Registration can only be availed for in-person participation**

### Member Fee

PKR. 2500/-

### Regular

August 01 to Oct 31, 2023

### Non Member Fee

PKR. 3000/-

**On-Site Fee: PKR 3500/**

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# TEACHER STORIES

## Calling all English Language Teachers!

Please submit your story on a word Document, with a **captivating title**.

**Submission Deadline**  
**October 10, 2023**

Share your incredible journey and inspire others with your amazing stories. Whether it's a heart warming anecdote, a magical classroom moment, or a break through with a student, we want to hear your wonderful experiences. Join us in celebrating the power of education and submit your story. Your words have the potential to change lives and shape the future. Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference!"

To enter the competition, please ensure that your submission falls within the word limit of 250-300 words, and has a title. Include the following information at the end of your document: **Name, Institution/School, Email, Country, Mobile Number, Headshot photo**

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

English language teachers from anywhere in the world

### SUBMIT TO

[speltteacherstories@gmail.com](mailto:speltteacherstories@gmail.com)  
by October 10, 2023

### WEBSITE

[spelt.org.pk](http://spelt.org.pk)

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

<https://forms.gle/7m8NqX5RKvyRJdw7>

### AWARDS

Announcement of Awards at the Conference  
Closing Session of the Conference on

**Nov. 5, 2023 - 5:30pm**

3 Best Stories Awards

10 Meritorious Mention Awards

1-year complimentary SPELT Membership for winners

OUP Book (Pakistani awardees only)

Awarded stories will be published in the SPELT  
Quarterly Journal

E-Certificate of participation for all entries

## 38<sup>th</sup> SPELT Annual General Body Meeting 2023

SPELT's Annual General Body Meeting was held on August 12, 2023 from 4.00-6.00 pm at the SPELT registered office in Karachi.

The results of the SPELT election for the Central Executive Committee (2023-26) were announced by Mr. Almas Bana, election convener. He also administered oath of office to the newly elected members. Also present on the occasion was Ms. Raheela Baqai (OUP), as member of the election committee. The other two members, Dr. Nasreen Ahsan and Prof. Amberina Kazi attended the meeting online.



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SPELT CEC, 2023



CEC members with Chairs  
Professional Councils and EC

## Introduction: Central Executive Committee Members, 2023-2026



President

**Mr. Mohsin Tejani** is the Founder and Executive Director of the School of Writing, Karachi, and Director Andover Bread Loaf, an outreach program of Phillips Academy USA. He has worked as a Teacher, Teacher Educator, Master Trainer, School Principal, and on other leadership and managerial positions for over three decades.

Besides an MA in English from Middlebury College, Vermont USA, he has attended training programmes at Phillips Academy USA, Harvard, Oxford, and Sheffield Hallam University. Since 1990, he has volunteered as SPELT's Conference and Academic Coordinator, Programme Committee Member, Task Force Member, Election Convener, and President.



Vice President

**Professor Dr Fauzia Shamim** currently works as the Chief Academic Officer for Durbeen, an NGO committed to improving teacher quality in Pakistan. She is a former founding dean of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Ziauddin University, Karachi, Pakistan. Dr Shamim has also worked in leadership positions in several other public and private sector universities in Pakistan and internationally. These include: The Aga Khan University's Institute of Educational Development, University of Karachi, Institute of Business Management, and Taibah University, KSA.

She is a founder member of SPELT and has served the organization in various capacities including Program Coordinator and member of task forces, and more recently as Vice President. She was Chair of TESOL International's Research Professional Council, USA (2018-19) and is the Asia TEFL's representative for Pakistan since 2019.



General Secretary

**Mrs. Khalida Sa'Adat** is a Life Member of SPELT since 1985. She is the president of NISHAN-e- HAIDER Alma Mater, Karachi. She did her Masters in English Literature from Govt. College University Lahore and B.Ed from Karachi. She taught for 17 years in PECHS Girls college and 9 years at St. Joseph's Govt College Karachi and retired as Professor of English. Her journey with SPELT is a life time achievement as a voluntary member in forwarding its mission. Amongst other things, she has served as the Principal of ICELT conducted by SPELT for two years, and Coordinator for Ed .Link teacher training program for school teachers of Sindh. Presently she is the elected





*Treasurer*

**Mr. Mansoor Naz Vindhani** is the Principal of the Premier Public School, Karachi, and Director Programmes at the Capacity Builder, a non-profit organization. Mr. Vindhani has been associated with SPELT for more than three decades in different capacities including Finance Coordinator, and Conference Coordinator. He has also participated in lead roles in different task forces and committees at SPELT, Karachi Rotary Club of Capitol Hills, and Pakistan Japan Cultural Association.



*Joint Secretary*

**Lubna Mohyuddin** is a dedicated educator with a career spanning 24 years. Her extensive experience includes roles as a Teacher, Teacher Educator, Senior Trainer for INTEL, and serving as the Principal of an O/A level school. Presently, she is a publishing editor at OUP, Pakistan. She pursued her studies in educational administration and policy at Vanderbilt University in the USA, on a Fulbright scholarship. Her academic background also includes a Master's degree in Chemistry and a B.Ed from Karachi University. Additionally, she holds the ICELT qualification from Cambridge University.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Lubna Mohyuddin has consistently shown a dedication to giving back to the community. She has volunteered her time and expertise for various organizations, notably serving as the SPELT conference coordinator and Joint Secretary.



*Member*

**Fatima Shahabuddin** is a Life Member of SPELT, since 1985. She has worked as Programme, Conference, and Working Committee Coordinator, and is currently a member of the Central Executive Committee of SPELT.

She works at AKUSON, Karachi, providing academic English language support. She did her MA in English from the Karachi University and M.Ed. TESOL from the University of Leeds, UK. Her professional commitments include English language teaching, teachers' training, textbook writing, material development, curriculum development, and editing. She is the lead author of the STBB English textbooks for class IV to X.



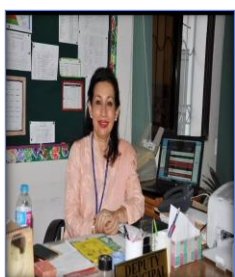
*Member*

**Prof Dr Nasreen Hussain**, Director of Research & Training at iRAPA is a die-hard SPELTER and a senior member of Central Executive Committee. She has recently participated in a South Asia project on raising awareness of English language teachers pertaining to dyslexia and inclusive practices and how such children can be comfortably introduced in the mainstream education. Dr Hussain is the Editor-in-Chief of Academy of Education and Social Sciences Review, which is a Y category HEC recognized journal.



*Member*

**Ms. Farheen Hasan** is an MS Scholar, her research field is Women in Educational Leadership Role. She is an IB Certified Teacher, Cambridge Certified Trainer, Career Coach and an OG Practitioner, working as a part-time Remedial Therapist at an IB school and also affiliated with EDLAB Pakistan as a remote manager operation. She is also serving voluntarily at SPELT, AsiaTEFL, NuHE and PTF. She regularly presents at various conferences locally and internationally and also conducts training sessions for schools.



*Member*

**Dr. Maliha Ahmed** Masters in School Leadership from Australian Catholic University has presented at Educational Conferences and written for Educational Journals. She is a member of SPELT Conference Professional Council and has been presenting at the SPELT International Conferences. She has actively been involved in professional development training programmes. Dr. Ahmed is presently serving as Director Programmes at the Happy Home School System.

# SPELT Webinar

**1.5- HOUR WEBINAR**  
**TARGET AUDIENCE:** All Teachers, Coordinators, Principals and Heads  
**BUILDING LESSONS: DOING A LOT WITH LESS**  
**DATE** August 26, 2023 | **TIME** 3:30PM TO 5:00PM  
**SPELT Members Fee:** PKR 1200/  
**Non Members Fee :** PKR 1500/-  
• E-Certificate will be provided  
• Limited seats on first come, first served basis  
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**Gabriela Kleckova**

Gabriela Kleckova facilitated a webinar entitled 'Building Lessons: Doing a Lot with Less' on August 26, 2023.

The Webinar was attended by more than 19- participants from all parts of Pakistan. They found the webinar highly useful.

## Feedback

It was very effective and learning experience

*Sharmeen Tayyab*

Good takeaway.. clutter value purpose as indicators of quality lesson plan

*Muhammad Haider*

It was a wonderful session that made us to think in a new way.

*Irshad Masih*

It was constructive. I really enjoyed and learned new things

It was an excellent work shop to learn

*Najmi Altaf*

The workshop on "Building Lessons: Doing a lot with less" was insightful and provided practical strategies for effective teaching.

*Tazeen Hussain*

I learnt somethings really valuable as a teacher and a textbook developer. Gabriela touched upon the most pertinent issues like time constraints and the challenge of including lots of content in the lessons in order to cover the curriculum. The issues she discussed were real and she came up with effective and practical solutions for them. It was a wonderful session and i would love to be a part of her webinar again and again ❤️👍

*Tehseen Zehra*

It was good effective teaching.

*Almas Sheikh*

It was really an effective session for the educators who face problems while planning lessons on daily basis, i really appreciate the efforts of Madam Gabriela who always put her maximum energies to deliver the topic well, it was an engaging session, we learnt a lot, the instructor explained each step very well, hope to see some more sessions in future, i attend madam session in spelt 38th education conference that was really inspired me, proud to be the participant of this session and spelt member.

*Samina Arshad*

It was an engaging workshop, unfortunately the time was too less for discussion and learning from others. Also, since we were all practicing educators we could have benefitted with our delivered Lesson Plan evaluated prior the workshop, making it more personalized. The facilitator - Gabriela Kleckova, was excellent. Will look forward for extensive online training from her.

*Alefyia Talib*

It was too informative and the atmosphere was so friendly , although i m a new member and it was my first meeting , i like it



## SPELT Academic Session



Free Academic Session for  
Teachers and Parents in  
collaboration with Kiran Foundation





### Learning English through Pretend and Play

**Sabina Khatri**  
Presenter

 **August 26, 2023**  **2:00-3:30pm**

 **Kiran Foundation,  
DCTO Campus**

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**PLEASE BE  
PUNCTUAL**

In a collaborative endeavour, this month's free Academic Session was brought to you by the joint efforts of SPELT and Kiran Foundation (KF), an esteemed institutional member. The engaging session took place on August 26th, 2023, and was impeccably led by none other than KF's visionary founder, Sabina Khatri.

The session, titled "Learning English through Pretend and Play," captured the attention and enthusiasm of a diverse audience, drawing in approximately 80 participants. The success of this session resonated far and wide, catching the eye of major media groups in Karachi who were quick to spotlight its significance.

A special note of appreciation goes to the Outreach Council, especially Gul Jaffri, for their instrumental role in organizing and disseminating this impactful event.



**Dawn News Paper:**

<https://e.thenews.com.pk/karachi/27-08-2023/page16>



### WOULD YOU ALSO LIKE TO LEAD A SPELT ACADEMIC SESSION?

IF YES, SEND YOUR BRIEF PROFILE WITH AN ABSRACT FOR A 90 MINUTE WORKSHOP AND SOME EVIDENCE OF YOUR TRAINING EXPERIENCE AND PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED WORKSHOPS TO: [speltheadoffice@gmail.com](mailto:speltheadoffice@gmail.com)



# News from

News, updates and events from IATEFL for English language teaching professionals



We are accepting proposals for #iatefl2024 for talks, workshops, posters, panels, forums and our Interactive Language Fair (ILF). If you have an idea of a session from any area of English language teaching that would fit one of these, we'd love to receive your proposal. You don't have to follow a specific theme or topic, the more variety in the programme the better.

For information on the types of proposals we accept for the IATEFL Conference, and details on how to submit yours, go to <https://lnkd.in/ejqbg5Vd>.

See what others are saying about this topic: <https://shorturl.at/vxGWY>

## Do you know that the SPELT Quarterly Journal is now available online?



<https://spelt.org.pk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Issue-3-2022-2.pdf>

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