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40th SPELT

International Conference 2024 November 16 - 17, 2024

About the Conference

ELT in Pakistan has grown exponentially since SPELT held its first conference in 1985. Compared to 1985, there are many training and development opportunities for English Language teachers now. These are both formal, located within the Applied Linguistics/TESOL programmes, as well as more informal short term courses and workshops offered by SPELT and other organizations.

The last couple of decades have seen several new developments in the field of ELT due to the introduction of new digital technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, multilingualism and translanguaging pedagogies to facilitate the learning of English and other languages. Hence, there is now an urgent need for sharing more specialist knowledge in these and other core areas in ELT including innovative pedagogy and assessment strategies.

In view of this, SPELT is now committed to teachers' professional development in a range of specialist areas within ELT, and their overall work located within diverse educational settings.

The 40th SPELT conference will comprise a set of symposia (Specialist mini conferences within the conference) which will be held simultaneously at multiple venues in Karachi.

The papers and workshops within each symposium will address a specific field of research and practice dealing with innovative and practical ideas and application challenges, which can be identified, analyzed, or solved by applying available theories, methods, and results of research, or by developing new theoretical and methodological frameworks in the given/allied fields.

The Conference Format

Day 1, Saturday, November 16, 2024: A series of symposia on different themes at FOUR different venues in collaboration with Academic Partners. You can select any one symposium (for details of themes, partners and venues see below).

Day 2, Sunday, November 17, 2024: Main conference at Habib University, Block 18, Gulistan-e-Jauhar, University Ave, off Shahrah-e-Faisal Rd, Faisal Cantonment, Karachi. SPELT will also host a Networking Breakfast on Day 02 of the conference.



Keynote Speaker



Alan Mckenzie
Founding Director of Transform ELT,
English Language Teaching Professional,
United Kingdom

Title: Planning for Unpredictable Futures

Plenary Speakers



Alan Mackenzie
Founding Director of Transform ELT,
English Language Teaching Professional,
United Kingdom

Continuing Professional Development Instructional Practices: What Next?



Dr. Rob WaringProfessor Dame Seishin University,
Okayama, Japan
Fostering Common Sense in ELT: A Way
Forward



Dr Anjum HalaiProfessor and Vice Provost
Aga Khan University
Technology, textbooks and teaching:
possibilities and potential for ELT



Dr. Zhou FeiPresident, Shinawatra University, Thailand

Professional Skill Development for Language Teaching in the 21st Century



Dr. Bushra Ahmed KhurramAssistant Professor Applied Linguistics,
Department of English, KU

Engaging 21st Century Language Learners in a Large Class: Focus on Cognitive and Affective Dimensions



Dr. Fatima Rehan DarCEO & Managing Director at Oak Consultants
In Search of Better Learning Outcomes: Will a
Multilingual Policy Address the Gap?



David Nunan

Professor Emeritus of Applied Linguistics,
University of Hong Kong Trustee and Executive Board Member,
The International Research Foundation, DC
Action research might be good professional development, but it won't work here

Featured Speakers



Abbas Husain
Director, TDC
Teaching, AI and the Future of the
Learning



Dr. Saiwaroon ChumpavanFaculty of Education, Shinawatra University,
Bangkok Thailand
Authentic Assessment: Bridging the Gap

between Classroom and Real World



Dr. John R. BakerUniversity of Economics and Finance, Ho Chi Minh City, Shinawatra University, Vietnam
Roadmaps to Sustainable Extensive Reading
Initiatives



Dr. Sumera Umrani

Associate Professor of Applied Linguistics/ TESOL, University of Sindh, Jamshoro Reflective Practice: A Pathway to Teacher Development



Christine Coombe Higher Colleges of Technology, Dubai, UAE Essential Teaching Skills for the Classrooms of **Tomorrow**



Shabana Ahmed Senior Assistant Professor HOD Linguistics & TESOL Beaconhouse NU, Lahore. Critical Pedagogy and English Language **Teaching**



Dr. Nasreen Hussain Professor and Director Research & Training

Prioritizing Student Well-Being in Pakistan's Education System: Maslow before you Bloom



Dr. Tariq Umrani Professor English Language & Literature, University of Sindh, Jamshoro



Tina Hameed

Teacher Trainer at Portal Consultants

From Pin-Drop-Silence to Smooth Transitions in the Language Classroom



Nooruddin Merchant Assistant Director Library and **Educational Programs Habib University** Writing Effective Prompts



Mohsin Tejani President, SPELT Cheating Writing to Teaching Writing

Panel Discussion From Transition to Transformation: The Impact of AI on Education

Panelists:



Nasir R. Zaidi President, Pakistan Academic Consortium (PAC) Pakistan



Dr. Rob Waring Professor Dame Seishin University Okayama, Japan





Danish Faruqi Member of the Leadership Team **HHS School System Pakistan**



Dr. Farid Panjwani Dean of Institute for Educational Development, Aga Khan UniversityPakistan



Alan Mackenzie Founding Director of Transform ELT, English Language Teaching Professional **United Kingdom**



Salma Alam CEO Durbeen **Pakistan**

Moderator:



Dr. Fauzia Shamim Vice President, SPELT Pakistan



Click here to register for the **40th SPELT International** Conference 2024:

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SPELT has opened registration for the 40th SPELT International Conference 2024

Conference Fee for Day 1 and Day 2			
Member Fee	Non Member Fee		
PKR 3500	PKR 4000		
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PKR 1800	PKR 2000		
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PKR 2200 PKR 2500			

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1.5- Hour Webinar Pre-Conference Event

Years of Empowering Teachers

TARGET AUDIENCE: All Teachers, Coordinators, Principals and Heads

The Future of ELT

In this webinar Professor Liu will delve into ten significant and contentious issues shaping the Future of ELT as a field. These topics include the distinction between English and Englishes, the roles of learners and users in language learning, the impact versus the influence of ELT, the evolving role of teachers as facilitators, the balance between ELT and English as Medium of Instruction (EMI), the comparison between Chat-based language learning and Al language models like ChatGPT, the distinction between testing and assessment in language evaluation, the relationships between research and reflection in the ELT community, the ongoing debate between traditional textbooks and digital materials, and the intersection of education and enterprises in the context of ELT. Based on his 40 plus years of teaching and research in the field of ELT in different contexts, Professor Liu will provide insights into these issues, shedding light on their implications for the future of English language teaching.



Dr. Liu is Professor and Rector at City University of Macau. Prior to his arrival in Macau in 2021, Dr. Liu worked in the US Academia for almost three decades. Dr. Liu was Professor of Linguistics, Vice President and Vice Provost for Global Affairs, and Dean of International Academic Programs and Services at Stony Brook University. Prior to that, Dr. Liu served as Associate Provost and Professor of Applied Linguistics at Georgia State University, following his tenure as Professor and Head of English Department at the University of Arizona. As an international leader in the field of

3:30pm to 5:00pm Member Fee: 1,300 Non Member Fee: 1,450

October 19,2024

language education, Liu is currently President of International Research Foundation of English Language Education (TIRF). Liu served on the Board of Directors in AIEA (2016-2018), won the Simon Comprehensive Internationalization Award in NAFSA for Stony Brook University (2018), and served

as a reviewer for many international awards committees. Dr. Liu became the first Asian President of TESOL International (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. 2006-2008) and is the recipient of the James E. Alatis Award of Outstanding Service to TESOL (2016). Dr. Liu has published extensively in the areas of language learning and teaching, curriculum development, teacher education, and intercultural communication, including more than 20 books and 100 papers and book chapters. Dr. Liu has served as a reviewer and on editorial boards for many international journals and presses. A sought-after motivational speaker, Dr. Liu has given more than 300 plenary and invited speeches in more than 30 countries to date.

E-Certificate will be provided
Limited seats on first come, first served basis

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DEVELOPING LEARNER AUTONO

TARGET AUDIENCE: All Teachers, Coordinators, Principals and Heads

July 27, 2024

2:00pm to 3:30pm

Member Fee PKR 1,400

Non Member Fee PKR 1,700





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It was informative and reassuring to hear the points which i am already practicing in my class. I would like to receive a link or the detail notes of the workshop. I did not make notes as i was informed that we will receive the recording, which was abruptly. Thanks

Imrana Zuhair Siddiqui

A monotonous delivery can significantly impact audience engagement and negatively affect SPELT's reputation for teacher development. Teachers are also diverse learners.

Faiqa Baig

It was really an excellent experience.

Kamran James

Really valuable insights about talk moves

1.5- Hour Webinar e-Conference Event



Reimagining

TARGET AUDIENCE: All Teachers. Coordinators, Principals and Heads

August 24, 2024 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Member PKR 1,400 Non Member Fee PKR 1,700



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It was very interesting and amazing worksh op.I get to know how we can deal with our nowadays students by engaging them by helpful tips of moves

Feedback

It was good! Explaining Blooms Texonomy theory which we apply in our day to day classes Rehana John

The session was thoroughly worthwhile! Syeda Wajiha Sher

It was very informative session but I didn'nt find it so effective for young children of kindergarten and grade 1.

Shazia Yousuf

It was informative, thanks for conducting such webinars

Iram Farid

It was a fruitful session. The presenter cwas softspoken and conveyed his ideas clearly. I gained new insights about autonomous learning and how we can ensure learner autonomy.

Tahseen Zahra

It was insightful workshop. Looking forward for such more Sessions.

Feedback

I found it extremely informative and educational.

It was really an excellent experience.

It was a great learning experience.

This session was beneficial for me as a teacher, learned a lot of new strategies which will surely have a positive impact in the future

It was, indeed, fruitful session.

I've learned a lot and definitely implement the talk moves strategy with my students.

The workshop provided some guidelines on making writing interesting for young students, a lot of fun prompts were shared. Where the workshop lacked was going into depth about writing classes with respect to the preset curriculum. Having a good bank of exercises is beneficial but the facilitator should have discussed how these exercises can be inculcated into everyday lessons. The 'reimagining' part of the workshop was greatly missing. As a curriculum developer, I learned a good amount of ways to make it interesting for kids to learn writing but I did not learn about any methods that might make it easier or more effective. The objective of the workshop should have been made very clear in the beginning to set expectations for the attendees. Overall, the experience was sub-par and while the content was fun and engaging, it was not entirely new.

MONTHLY ACADEMIC SESSIONS



12:00 to 01:00pm July 27,2024

Note: Session Cost free

Certificate fee PKR 200/ (on demand)

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Very informative n interesting session Ayesha saddiqa

Feedback

Digital Learning

Very good <u>100</u>

Wonderful session Zahra Khan

Very informative, I will continue it Rahila

Extremely useful Session. Valuables tools were shared Rahila Wagar

Extremely useful Session. Valuables tools were shared

really done hard work. good session Yasmeen Bawa

It was an interactive session I learnt about Digital Literacy It was, indeed, fruitful session. er gave real-life an Abbasi Rizwan Khaskheli

The session was REALLY worthwhile! Syeda Wajiha Sher The session was interactive and I learnt about Digital Literacy and Digital tools. Jamila Ghazal

It was good!

The workshop was very impressive, and it was an easy way to teach children. Sadaf Rockvil



FOSTERING COMMUNICATION SKILLS THROUGH TASK-BASED

LEARNING





Note: Session Cost free Certificate fee PKR 200/ (on demand)







Wow, that teaching techniques ACD was so eye-opening! I picked up so many practical, engaging strategies that I can't wait to start implementing in my classroom. Feeling inspired and ready to take my teaching to the next level

Asslaam O Alkaikum Madam today's session is very useful meaningful fruitful for me for my professional career development inshaAllah I will apply at school

Feedback

The session was quite informative.

An excellent session which has provided valuable

The topic was interesting and the session was very informative and useful. Thanks Ms. Aneesa

It was fruitful session

A very nice session. I have learnt a lot from this session

Excellent session with detailed session about inclusive learning.

Informative and useful session good presentation

Very interesting informative and applicable

An Amazing session, truly appreciate the efforts and support given the trainer Ms Aneesa

Excellent. Wonderful ideas well put up by Ms Aneesa. A complete learning experience. Her webinars are so interesting.

It was a wonderful session. I would like to be part of more sessions related to inclusive education.

Global ELT News



ELevate is an exciting two-day program featuring live

interactive workshops on critical English language teaching (hashtag#ELT) topics led by top experts in the field. This year, we want to feature YOU sharing your favorite teaching tip in a recorded video! We're now accepting submissions of short (<3 minute) videos of your tips related at least one of this year's ELevate topics:

- 1. Social & Environmental Responsibility
- 2. Technology Integration
- 3. Methodologies & Multiliteracies
- 4. Teacher Leadership & Professionalism



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