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Empowering  
Teachers

# SPELT eBulletin

**June – July 2025**



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**Dear Colleagues,**


Welcome Back to the excitement and hustle and bustle of starting the new academic year! We're sure you're waiting to try out many new ideas and particularly considering ways of using AI assistance for your lesson planning and resource development.. SPELT has organized several workshops both for the beginners as well as more 'expert' users during the last few months for AI integration into your teaching-learning. We hope these gave you some ideas to apply in your own contexts. This will also be a popular theme in the SPELT conference due to be held on 15-16 November, 2025. So please watch out for these sessions in the program this year!

The Call for Papers for the 41st SPELT International conference is also included in this ebullating as also the information about early bird registration so that you can use the discount offered if you register for the conference NOW!

We look forward to your active participation in the conference through sharing your ideas and success stories, resource materials etc.. There are different formats for this purpose- paper presentations, workshops and teaching tips- so choose the format that suits you best!

Wishing you a happy start of the NEW Academic Year!

Best



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# Exciting Announcement: 41st SPELT International Conference – 2025



**41<sup>st</sup> SPELT International Conference 2025**  
**Future - Ready ELT:**  
Innovation, Diversity and Sustainability

**The Conference is for two days**  
**November 15-16, 2025 (Saturday & Sunday)**  
**Day 1:** Multiple Venues **Day 2:** Habib University

**Our Collaborators**



**Day 1:** Multiple Venues

- Inclusive & Equitable ELT in Multilingual Pakistan**  
Government Elementary College of Education, Hussainabad (Durbeen)
- Future of Language Learning & Assessment: Path Forward**  
Happy Home School (HHS), Shaheed-e-Millat Road
- Teacher Development & Professional Learning in a Changing ELT Landscape**  
IUSS, Shahrah-e-Pakistan Campus ST-6-D, Block 14, F.B Area
- Innovation in ELT: Navigating Digital & Technological Shifts**  
DHA Sufia University, Ph-VII, Khayaban-e-Tufail

**Day 2: Sunday, November 16, 2025 (9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)**

**Habib University**  
University Ave, off Shahrah-e-Faisal Road, Block 18 Gulistan-e-Johar, Karachi, 75290

**Keynote Address**

Plenary, Featured sessions, Papers, Workshops, Poster Presentations and Teaching Demonstrations

Day 2 of the conference will gather all symposium participants for a series of future-focused discussions and workshops that will reflect future directions and new possibilities for ELT.

- Networking Breakfast
- Book Exhibition
- Raffle Draw
- Certificates will be awarded

**Register Now:**



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Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 41st SPELT International Conference 2025 on the theme: Future-Ready ELT: Innovation, Diversity & Sustainability

The Abstract Submission Form is enclosed for your convenience. You may also download the Call for Papers and related documents from the conference website: [www.spelt.org.pk](http://www.spelt.org.pk)



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**November 15 - 16, 2025**  
**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Abstracts solicited for:**  
Workshop, Teaching Tips/Demonstration,  
Paper, Colloquium, Poster Session  
by 30th August 2025



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**Call for Papers:**  
<https://forms.gle/QGKPECYoMsHCdtqz9>

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**Early Bird Registration Now Open - Don't Miss Your Chance!!**  
**Discount valid till 16th August!**

Conference Registration  If you're not a SPELT member yet, get your membership now by filling out the form 

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**Don't miss this ELT experience of the year!**

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SPELT has opened registration for the Conference 2025

**Early Bird:**  
 16th June - 16th August


Member Fee		Non-Member Fee
PKR 3,500	Fee for Day 1 and Day 2	PKR 4,000
PKR 2,000	Fee for Day 1 only	PKR 2,500
PKR 2,500	Fee for Day 2 only	PKR 3,000

**Regular Fee:**  
 17th August onwards

Member Fee		Non-Member Fee
PKR 4,000	Fee for Day 1 and Day 2	PKR 4,500
PKR 2,500	Fee for Day 1 only	PKR 3,000
PKR 3,000	Fee for Day 2 only	PKR 3,500

**Account Details:**  
 Bank Name: BANK-AL-HABIB  
 Branch: Kh-e-Ittehad, DHA  
 Account No: 1102-0081-001165-01-5  
 Title: Society of Pakistan English Language Teachers (SPELT)

Cheque and Bank Draft should be drawn in favour of SPELT. They must be drawn in PAK Rupees and can be uploaded on the form, mailed or sent through WhatsApp along with your name and paid deposit slip.



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**Registration Link:**

**Academic Partners**

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**TOPIC**  
**Future of Language Learning & Assessment: Path Forward**

  
 November 15, 2025

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**TOPIC**  
**Innovation in ELT: Navigating Digital & Technological Shifts**

  
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**1.5- Hour Webinar**  
**AUDIENCE:** All Teachers, Coordinators, Principals and Heads

**AI – A Powerfully Efficient Resource, Not a Shortcut**

Fee: 1,000

June 21, 2025  
 3:30 to 5:00pm





**Shireen Khan**

SPELT organized an engaging 1.5-hour webinar titled "AI – A Powerfully Efficient Resource, Not a Shortcut," attended by 17 participants including teachers, principals, and academic coordinators. The session was led by Shireen Khan, a seasoned social entrepreneur and NLP-based performance strategist

with 25 years of experience in training students, teachers, and professionals across Pakistan. Known for her dynamic style and critical lens, Shireen asked thought-provoking questions throughout, encouraging participants to reflect on the purpose, ethics, and limits of AI in education. She demonstrated real tools, challenged common assumptions, and created a space for meaningful dialogue. The session was highly praised for its energy, relevance, and practical insight.

## Feedback

*Excellent and informative session*

*It's a helpful tool and always a pleasure to learn new skills from SPELT platform.*

*Its beneficial for the teacher to apply the new strategies on students*

*It was good and informative and according to the teaching aid and need.*

*It was constructive. I really enjoyed and learned new techniques*

*Facilitator provided chance to ask questions freely and she was so humble. Session was interactive and informative as well. Thank you and please keep me updated about onwards courses, webinars etc.*

*The webinar was fantastic! I appreciated the presenter's clarity and kindness, she covered ChatGPT and Meta features nicely. I'm excited to participate in future webinars!*

*It was an effective workshop, learned a lot, will use it in my class.*

*It was an amazing session. I have learned a lot from it.*

*It was an excellent work shop to learn*

*It was an insightful session*

*Would be added other ai tools too*

*It was quite interesting*



## 2- Hour Webinar

AUDIENCE: All Teachers, Coordinators, Principals and Heads

### BEYOND BASICS: ELEVATING TEACHING WITH AI INTEGRATION

Member Fee:  
PKR 1350

Non Member Fee:  
PKR 1600



July, 19, 2025

10:00am to 12:00pm



Farheen Hasan

Beyond Basics: Elevating Teaching with AI Integration. Held on August 19, 2025. This 2-hour online workshop, led by Ms. Farheen Hasan, empowered educators to move beyond surface-level AI use and explore practical, meaningful integration strategies. With her rich experience as a certified trainer

and educational leader, Ms. Farheen introduced participants to a range of AI tools tailored for lesson planning, differentiation, and assessment. The session was interactive and reflective, encouraging educators to think critically about ethical considerations. Follow-up tasks were assigned to extend learning beyond the session, making it a highly impactful experience for participants aiming to enhance their teaching with responsible AI integration.

## Feedback

It was an informative workshop, I learned new AI tools, now more hands-on practice will enable me to use these tools effectively.



It was very good, learnt something new. How AI is important for teachers in this era of technological advancement.



It was such an interactive and informative session. I got to know so many new things regarding the AI tools.



It was very well organized and the Presenter had made every effort to give her best.



I loved it because I realized how usable some of the instruments were and that they were flexible in themselves and also simple Gave me a very comfortable feeling At first I had thought that these wd be for the super intelligent and for humble educationists like me Thankyou



It was an informative and interactive session. Learned lots of new things



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

Very informative and interactive session.



Great experience, very well explained.

It was very informative and useful.



ACD Session No: 488  
FREE ACADEMIC SESSION FOR TEACHERS

## ACTIVE LEARNING TECHNIQUES: BEYOND CHALK AND TALK



Saturday, June 28, 2025  
12:00 - 1:00pm

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



Hina Kafeel

The Active Learning Strategies webinar held on 28 June was a dynamic and engaging session attended by over 100 enthusiastic educators. Hina Kafeel masterfully demonstrated low-prep, high-impact techniques that energized participants and modeled student-centered learning. From think-pair-share to role-play and inquiry tasks,

each strategy was easy to adapt and implement. The interactive simulations and peer reflections added depth and practicality. Participants left inspired, equipped with a rich toolkit to transform their classrooms into active learning spaces.

## Feedback

*"Active Learning Techniques: Beyond Chalk and Talk" emphasizes a shift from traditional teaching to student-centered methods that promote participation, critical thinking, and collaboration. Techniques like group work, discussions, and hands-on activities enhance learning and engagement. While effective, these methods require proper planning and teacher training to implement successfully*

*Today's session with Ma'am Hina Kafeel's session about "Active Learning Techniques: Beyond Chalk and Talk" is insightful in both theoretical and practical aspects. Although we can't apply all in our teaching practices but in sha Allah we can adapt according to our teaching environment. Looking Forward to more sessions like these.*

*It was really an excellent experience. She was well prepared and well organized through out the session. She has a very strong grip on her topic. She has the ability, capacity and potential to engage online audience. Her voice and communication was very clear. She has proved her self an excellent presenter, teacher, guide and advisor as well. God bless her more and more.*

*The ACD session was clear and easy to follow. I learned how calls are managed and distributed effectively. It was a helpful session, and I look forward to more like this..*

*Masha Allah the speaker was very active and engaging. The thing i liked the most was that she didn't hesitate in sharing the links and documents because i have noticed mostly facilitators don't share things. The content was also helpful.*

*Overall, it was a very productive and meaningful session. The information shared was not only useful but also presented in an accessible and interesting manner. The speaker's expertise and delivery made the learning experience enjoyable and impactful.*

*The session was engaging and thought-provoking. I appreciated the emphasis on student-centered learning. I learned active learning strategies that you explained very well.*

*The session was very informative. The speaker was very knowledgeable and she remind patient throughout the session though there was some disturbance due to the network issue.*



Maira Ambrose

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

# THE UNSPOKEN ART OF TEACHING

00000 Saturday, July 26, 2025  
12:00 - 1:00pm



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## Feedback

*I must say I learned many valuable techniques and strategies that go beyond the traditional methods of teaching...The session helped me understand how deeply our attitude and tone impact the classroom environment.*

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*Important topic presented with new info added to previous knowledge. Well prepared and presented in an easy manner, with good explanation. Thank you Spelt for the continuous support to English Language Teachers. As a Life member of Spelt I am grateful to Respected Dr Zakia Sarwar and her professional team for all the opportunities of learning, enhancing ELT skills and International Presentations at the Spelt Annual Conferences.*

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*The ACD session on the Unspoken Art of Teaching was insightful and thought-provoking. It highlighted the power of nonverbal communication, teacher presence, and emotional connection in creating a positive learning environment. The session encouraged us to be more mindful of our body language, tone, and classroom energy. Overall, it was a valuable reminder that teaching is not just about delivering content but also about inspiring through presence and empathy. One request please do workshop on child emotions and mood swing age 3 to 6 and how to deal with it being a mother and a teacher... Thank you*

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*It was very informative and helpful to deal with the hidden messages conveyed by the children through their non verbal cues. Thank you to understand deeply children's need and want.*

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*The session is over all so amazing I learn a lot from this session it will be helpful for me to work further on verbal and nonverbal communication skills, also learned various thing to make my self best in teachings field.*

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*It was really helpful and fruitful session loved being part of it. Specially how the speaker explained everything in detail and from her personal experience.*

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*It is very informative and fruitful session. I learnt new strategies and surely implement in my class.*

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*Interactive, informative and helpful for teachers to understand the nonverbal communication of students techniques*

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*It was amazing well define session with best recommendations. i wish to get more sessions in future thank you so much!*

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### 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)

Call for trainers: <https://forms.gle/cRQ6pASXq54wsUx78>

## SPELT 41st ANNIVERSARY

### Panel Discussion: English Language Teaching in Pakistan and the Role of SPELT



SPELT Celebrates 41 Years: A Legacy of Innovation in English Language Education.

The Society of Pakistan English Language Teachers (SPELT) recently marked its 41st anniversary with a significant event at the Arts Council of Pakistan, Karachi, combining a special session of the Writers & Readers Cafe with a panel discussion on its profound impact on English language teaching in Pakistan. This dual celebration underscored SPELT's enduring commitment since its founding on July 17, 1984.

The esteemed panel featured SPELT's core figures, including President Mohsin Tejani, Prof. Zakia Sarwar (founder and Patron-in-Chief), Dr. Fauzia Shamim (Founder / Vice President), Prof. Abbas Husain (Founder / Chair, Outreach Council), and Fariha Khalil (Professional Development Council). Their informal yet insightful discussion at the packed Josh Malihabadi Library traced SPELT's journey and contributions, drawing an engaged audience that included prominent educationists and publishers.

A central theme of the discussion revolved around the technical nature of teaching English. Prof. Zakia Sarwar firmly asserted, "It is a misconception that someone who speaks good English can necessarily teach it well. Teaching English is a technical discipline." Dr. Fauzia Shamim echoed this, recalling her own teaching inadequacy when faced with basic usage questions despite her literature background. Prof. Abbas Husain further elaborated on the four proficiency skills essential for English teaching: listening, speaking, reading, and writing, emphasizing that traditional textbooks often fall short in developing these.

The discussion also delved into innovative pedagogical concepts. Fariha Khalil introduced "translanguaging," the simultaneous use of multiple languages, noting its commonality abroad but resistance in Pakistan. Dr. Fauzia Shamim affirmed SPELT's acknowledgment of translanguaging, revealing that this realization even led to the introduction of an Urdu strand at SPELT conferences, recognizing that Urdu was also poorly taught. Challenges like improving curriculum, assessment, and the teaching-testing relationship were highlighted as initial hurdles SPELT tackled.

Beyond pedagogy, the panel touched upon broader challenges. Mohsin Tejani raised concerns about the scalability of government policy in education, while Prof. Abbas Husain lamented the "negativity" surrounding educational reform and the lack of a reading culture. Fariha Khalil addressed resistance to technology, stressing that educators must embrace tools like Artificial Intelligence to avoid obsolescence. The session concluded with a unanimous agreement on the need for similar language associations for Urdu, Sindhi, and other regional languages, mirroring SPELT's success.



[This was reported in Dawn newspaper](#)



# Global ELT News



[Link](#)



## Dear Presidents and the entire AsiaTEFL family

I am pleased to inform you that our third webinar in the 2025 AsiaTEFL webinar series is scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2025 (3.30 pm KST, 2.30 pm MYT/HKT, 10.00 am IRDT).

The speakers are the editor and chapter contributors of “Novice Non-native English Language Teachers Navigating Agency: International Perspectives” (forthcoming, Routledge, 2026).

**FINDING YOUR VOICE: HOW NEW ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS GROW AND TAKE CHARGE**  
This session explores how new English language teachers find their footing, make classroom decisions, and develop into confident professionals. We’ll discuss what supports them in becoming reflective, proactive, and empowered in their roles. Drawing on experiences from Asian contexts, the session offers practical insights for novice teachers, as well as for those who support them, including mentors, school leaders, and teacher educators

### Zoom Access:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86290146972?pwd=BiTHsWEPudS5W5o6gU3eGY8JRmTu8v.1>

**Meeting ID:** 8629046972

**Passcode:** 020825

Free Registration | Certificate of Participation Provided

**Register here:** <https://forms.gle/tYLu1mQDfz3cKSEM7>

(necessary to secure your certificate of participation)

Once again, I seek your help in sharing information with ELT practitioners in your respective countries through your personal networks, and ELT associations that you are affiliated with. Early career teachers, teacher mentors, and teacher educators will find this session of particular interest.

The promotional poster in jpeg and pdf versions is attached for dissemination.

Thank you.

Warm regards  
Ramesh

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<b>Individual Membership</b> PKR 1500	<b>Institutional Membership</b> PKR 5000	<b>Life Membership</b> PKR 15000	<b>3 Years Membership</b> PKR 4000
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**International Package for 3 years**  
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