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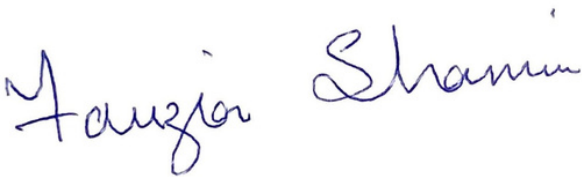
Dear Colleagues,

It's our pleasure to share with you this special issue on the 41st SPELT International Conference to be held at 5 venues in Karachi on 15 and 16 November 2025.

Please register to take this unique opportunity to stay at the cutting edge of developments in ELT both nationally and at the global level.

Looking forward to see you there,

Best



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41ST SPELT

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025

NOVEMBER 15-16, 2025

Future - Ready ELT:

Innovation Diversity and Sustainability

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.

Future-Ready ELT: Innovation, Diversity and Sustainability

SPELT proudly continues its legacy of promoting innovation, collaboration, and professional growth in English Language Teaching (ELT) through its annual International Conference. This year's 41st SPELT International Conference brings together educators, researchers, and practitioners from across Pakistan and beyond to explore future-ready approaches to language teaching and learning that embrace innovation, diversity, and sustainability.

The conference will feature a series of symposia — specialist mini-conferences within the main event — held simultaneously at multiple venues across Karachi.

Each symposium will focus on a distinct area of ELT and educational practice, highlighting innovative and practical ideas, emerging research, and classroom-tested approaches. Presenters and participants will engage with contemporary issues that can be addressed through existing theories and methodologies or by developing new conceptual and pedagogical frameworks in related fields.

Conference Format

Day 1 – Saturday, November 15, 2025

A series of symposia on diverse themes will be hosted at four venues in Karachi, in collaboration with our Academic Partners.

Participants may choose to attend one symposium according to their professional interests.

Day 2 – Sunday, November 16, 2025

The main conference will take place at **Habib University, University Avenue, off Shahrah-e-Faisal Road, Block 18, Gulistan-e-Johar, Karachi.**

Join us for two days of professional dialogue, networking, and innovation as we shape the future of ELT in Pakistan and beyond at SPELT 2025!

Day 1:

Durbeen

November 15, 2025

Plenary Address



Professor Bimali Indrarathne
Kotelawala Defence University (KDU), Sri Lanka

Specific learning difficulties and inclusive teaching in the AI era



Dr Waqar Ali Shah
MUET, Jamshoro

On Reparative Curricula and Pedagogy of Solidarity in the Global South



Dr Fauzia Shamim
Vice President SPELT and CAO Durbeen



Dr. Aliya Khalid
University of Oxford

Reimagining Multilingual Education in Pakistan: Politics, Policy, and Practice

Workshop Sessions:

Maheen Zaidi, Teacher and Teacher Trainer, KPS, **Sharjeena Khokhar** and **Gul-e-Zehra**, Teachers, Khatoon-e-Pakistan Government Girls School, **Nusrat Waqar**, Pre Primary Academic Coordinator, HHS School System

Interactive Talks:

- **Lead speaker:** Saira Mahmood, English Professional Development Lead, Zindagi Trust
- **Co-speakers:** Zerish Kamal, Fatima Tahir, Shabeena Fatima, Bushra Kamran
- **Lead speaker: Nighat Shaheen** (Senior Lecturer, Durbeen)
- **Co-speakers:** Maryam Aslam, Mary Khalid, Iqra Maroof
- **Adeel Baloch:** Head of Literacy and Life Skills, The Citizen Foundation)

Panel Discussion

Beyond Access: Creating Equitable Learning Spaces for Multilingual Learners in Pakistan

Panelists: **Dr Sahiba Khatoon** (Director CELL, MUET)

Zohra Nasir (Director Academics, Zindagi Trust)

Adeel Baloch (Head of Literacy and Life Skills, TCF)

Moderator: **Lubna Punjwani** (Director, PROWESS; Regional Director, PMC, Pakistan)

Plenary Address



Dr Ikhsanudin

(Chief Editor, JELTIM and President ELTeaM, Indonesia)

Evaluating ELT Materials Effectively: A Teacher's Guide to VOLLEY TIME Workshop

Interactive Talk:

From Learners' Voices to Classroom Action

Mehwesh Rehman, Noorain Ahmed, Amna Mustafa, Sana Irfan (HHS School System)

Workshop Sessions:

Raabia Hirani (Consultant - AKU-EB, Pakistan & Alsama, Lebanon), **Najia Nazir** (Yanbu Industrial College, Saudi Arabia), **Erika Van Winden** (Qatar University), **Najia Azhar** (HHS School System), **Hina Altaf** (HHS School System), **Faiz Alam** (HHS School System), **Amna Mustafa** (HHS School System), **Samra Adeel** (HHS School System), **Farheen Hassan** (The Learning Tree/EDLAB), **Taghrid Ahmed** (The Citizens Foundation), **Dr Tasneem Anwar** (Assistant Professor, Institute for Educational Development, Aga Khan University)

Plenary Address



Sylvie Doláková

(ELT Consultant & Author, Czech Republic)

The Power of Movement in Language Teaching

Workshop Sessions:

Aisha Nurullah Siddiqui (ELT, Bay View High School), **Mehwish Ashraf** (Teacher, Karachi Public School), **Khan Hassan Afridi** (Founder & CEO, Flow Mind Care), **Sidrah Niaz** (CEO, Evolution), **Aasia Imran** (Principal, Azeemi Public Higher Secondary School), **Nooreen Lakhani** (Sr. Principal, AKESP), **Javed Virso** (CEO & Director, Easy English Language Centre), **Fouzia Nawaz** (QEC Coordinator, HHS School System), **Batul Jafri** (Head of Early Years, The Educators), **Muzaina Wasi** (Assistant Manager Training, TCF), **Yasmin Moatassim** (Lecturer, Qatar University), **Tahir Javed** (Director EDGE), **Amna Hussain** (Academic Head, HHS School System), **Farida S. Karbalai** (Academic Head, HHS School)

Panel Discussion

Bridging the CPD Gap in Pakistan Practical Solutions, Success Stories, and Policy Perspective

Panelists: **Dr. Sajid Ali** (Director of Research and Professor, AKU-IED), **Dr Hina Kazmi**, **Rahila Shakeel Fatima** (Head of Strategic Development, TCF), **Dr. Sarwat Noman** (Founder and CEO, FAHEM) **Moderator:** Dr Hina Kazmi

ELT Hackathon

Moderator: **Arjumand Ansari** (Principal, IUSS) & Mehreen (SPELT representative)

Closing Ceremony

Teacher Story Quilt : **Yumna Ali**, (Teacher IUSS)



Plenary Address

Conan Kmiecik
(Qatar University)

Innovating ELT with Everyday Tools: Google Keep, Canva, and FlowCV

Interactive Talks

Dr Nazir Mehmood (Freelance Educationist), **Fatima Shahabuddin Shakir** (Generation's School / Iqra University), **Minhas Tejani** (Principal, Habib Public School) Nudrat Jaskani (FPS) , Zehra Gheewala (Habib Education Trust), Neda Mulji (Oxford University Press), **Sumeera Wahid** (Modernage Public School & College, Abbottabad), **Alefiyah Hoshangbadwala** (ALFAAZZ Online School)

Workshop Sessions

Nudrat Jaskani (Foundation Public School, Hamza Abbasi (Qatar University), **Shabnam Nithani** (Educationist and Cambridge PD Program Leader), **Zehra Gheewala** (Habib Education Trust), **Neda Mulji**, Oxford University Press, **Adeel Durvesh** (PACE College of Advanced Studies), **Manal Wahab** (Beaconhouse College Programme), **Rafia Mudassir** (EdVision Global Academy), **Nirma Adeel** (Happy Home School), **Romela Zaynab** (Memon Education Monetary Foundation), **Muhammed Shariq** (Principal, Usman Public School)

Panel Discussion

Decolonizing English Teaching in the Digital Space

Panelists:

Prof Abbas Husain (Managing Director, TDC)

Liaquat Ali Channa (Professor of Linguistics, GC University Hyderabad)

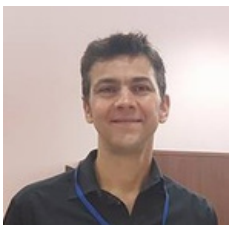
Dr Fatima Dar (CEO, Oak Consultancy)

Dr Waqar Ali Shah (MUET, Pakistan)

Moderator: Ms Sarwat Anjum, (Lecturer Applied Linguistics)

The Conference aims to strengthen networking, collaboration, and knowledge exchange amongst English language practitioners and educators. It offers an unparalleled opportunity to engage with experts, researchers, and peers, both nationally and internationally, to explore future directions and new possibilities for ELT.

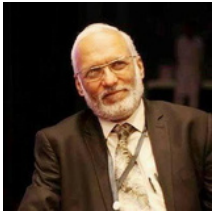
Keynote Address



Dr Graham Hall
Professor Emeritus TESOL, UK

Using the Learners' Own Language(s) in the ELT Classroom: What, Why, When?

Plenary Address



Abbas Husain
(Managing Director, TDC)

The Decolonized Classroom



Dr Tran Tin Nghi
L2 Acquisition Expert, Vietnam
Transforming ELT with Peer-to -
Peer Digital Interactions

Featured Sessions

Dr Nasreen Husain, *Educationist, Pakistan*, **Dr John Baker** (*Ho Chi Minh City University of Industry and Trade, Vietnam*), **Dr Ikhsanuddin** (*Chief Editor, JELTIM and President ELTeaM, Indonesia*), **Dr Waqar Ali Shah** (*MUET, Jamshoro, Sindh*), **Dr Tayyaba Tamim** (*Dean SOE, LUMS, Lahore*), **Dr Mirat ul Fatima**, *MFA Consultancies*, **Prof. Nasreen M. Ahsan**, *Former Chairperson, Humanities Dept., NED*)

Workshop Sessions:

Fariha Khalil, *Teacher, Qatar*, **Hamza Abbasi**, *QU, Qatar* and **Conan Kmiecik**, *QU, Qatar*, **Farheen Hasan**, *Co-ordinator, TLT and EdLab*, **Judy Wren**, *Sultan Qaboos University, Oman*, **Rana Khan** *Assistant Professor & President, TEFL Kuwait*, **Dr Najia Nazir**, *Yanbu Industrial College, Saudi Arabia*, **Dr Rob Waring** *Thammasat University, Thailand*, **Sylvie Dolakova** *ELT Consultant & Author, Czech Republic*, **Erika Van Winden**, *Qatar University*, **Lubna Panjwani**, *Director, PROWESS; Regional Director, PMC, Pakistan* and **Behroz Noorani** (*CEO, Align STEM Club, Pakistan*,

From Minions to Meaning: Teaching Grammar That Gets Texts Talking by SFL (Systemic Functional Linguistics) Team

Workshop Leader: *Professor Beryl Exley*

SFL Team: *Dr. Bushra A. Khurram, Aneesa Mumtaz, Huma M. Thaver (SFL Team)*

Policy Dialogue

Digital Equity in English Language Teaching: Policy Priorities for Pakistan

Panelists:

Dr Tayyaba Tamim (Dean SOE, LUMS)

Abbas Husain (Director TDC)

Moderator: Talha Chishti (Head of English and School Education British Council Pakistan)

Panel Discussion

Innovation in ELT: Lessons from South Asia's Digital Leap

Panelists: Representatives from Regional Teacher Associations, including

Mohsin Tejani (President SPELT)

Moderator: Affan Javed (Head of School Systems South Asia, British Council)

Translation and Translanguaging for Access and Equity in Education: Opportunities and Challenges

(Organized in coordination with AKU-IED)

Panelists: **Dr Farid Punjwani** (Dean, AKU-IED) **Dr Fatima Dar** (CEO, Oak Consulting)

Adeel Baloch (Head of Literacy and Life Skills, TCF)

Moderator: **Dr Fauzia Shamim** (Vice-President, SPELT; Prof. & CAO, Durbeen)

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Conference Registration Link

<https://forms.gle/xJutFa8UdV2TwTYz9>



SPELT **1.5- Hour Webinar**
Pre-Conference Event

Dyslexia and Inclusive Vocabulary Teaching

October 18, 2025
3:00 - 4:30pm

Member Fee: PKR 1350
Non Member Fee: PKR 1600

[Click here to register](#)

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Professor Bimali Indrarathne

A webinar on “Supporting Learners with Dyslexia in Language Learning” was conducted by Professor Bimali Indrarathne, Professor in English Language Teaching at Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka. The session provided valuable insights into the challenges faced by learners with dyslexia, particularly in processing phonology and morphology when learning additional languages.

Professor Bimali discussed how dyslexia affects reading, spelling, vocabulary learning, and overall language development. She also introduced the Multisensory Structured Language Teaching (MSLT) approach as an effective method for supporting such learners. The workshop featured practical MSLT-

based classroom activities to help teachers enhance learners’ awareness of phonological and morphological features of English.

A total of 13 participants registered for the session. The webinar was highly informative and well-received by the participants, who appreciated the practical strategies shared by the presenter.

Feedback

The session was enlightening. There is so much more to learn and explore to help children with special needs.

It was very interesting and informative.

It was a good session. Learnt new ways to handle such students Thank you

Effective strategies. Dealing wisely with diverse needs.

It was very informative we learn many thing the facilitator was soft spoken and informative provider her points were clear and informative

It was an amazing experience experience for the participants.

This session is very informative

It was very organized & informative session.



SPELT **ACD Session No: 492**
FREE ACADEMIC SESSION FOR TEACHERS
IN COLLABORATION WITH

THE ELIXIR SCHOOL
ST 1, Block G, North Nazimabad, Karachi
Seminar Hall, Ground Floor

BUILDING STRENGTHS FIRST

October 25, 2025
12:00 to 1:30pm

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

Abbas Husain

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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.

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.

Very professional 'informative & practical session.

Very productive and the most important yet neglected topic.

Ms Maira gives us very informative knowledge regarding teaching techniques



SPELT
ACD Session No: 489
FREE ACADEMIC SESSION FOR TEACHERS
**THE UNSPOKEN
ART OF
TEACHING**
Maira Ambrose
Saturday, July 26, 2025
12:00 - 1:00pm

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

Interactive, informative and helpful for teachers to understand the non verbal communication of students

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

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.

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.

Feedback

It was quite fruitful and gave insights on how to be reflective when it comes to teaching informative.

One request pleas do workshop on

Focused presentation. Well delivered workshop.

Interactive



SPELT
ACD Session No: 490
FREE ACADEMIC SESSION FOR TEACHERS
**ELT UNLOCKED:
POWER OF
REFLECTION**
Arshian E Orooj
Saturday, August 30, 2025

It was a very informative and interactive session. The presenter had complete grip on the topic. I would look forward to next session in the near future. Experience for the participants.

Focused presentation. Well delivered workshop. Interactive experience for the participants. One request pleas 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

It was such a wonderful and informative session. I learnt much more and also applied on my classroom too. Thanks a lot

ACD Session No: 490
FREE ACADEMIC SESSION FOR TEACHERS

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**PODCASTING FOR EMPOWERED
LEARNING: BUILDING LANGUAGE
& 21ST-CENTURY SKILLS**


Dr. Iram Farid

Saturday, September 27, 2025
12:00 - 1:00pm

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

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Feedback

This session was good and in this session we lot of things learn in this session we will be trained.

Super Good. Also provide PPT for future reference and all citations. Thanks

It was wonderful. Timewise, content-wise and with practical tools. Felt very motivated at the end of the session to implement

In this session we will learn lot of things etc Consice and very informative knowledgeable and have a great grip on her topic. Well done!!

It was wonderful n of high use to teachers. The presenter was well knowledgeable and have a great grip on her topic. Well done!!

Superb Session! If focus, coherence and great authentic content had a face it would be Dr Iram. She has sparked a new passion in me to explore this idea more and apply wherever it is possible in my context. Thank you SPELT for bringing a gem.

Global News

We are currently working on a critical, collaborative research project to define the Key Competencies of Future Teachers. In this new era of human-machine collaboration, what are the irreplaceable core competencies that educators must possess? We sincerely invite you to take a few minutes to complete this survey and share your perspective. Your insights are invaluable to this global study.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WXNS8GQ>



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

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