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41st SPELT International Conference

November 15-16,2025

The 41st SPELT International Conference 2025, held under the theme “**Future-Ready ELT: Innovation, Diversity & Sustainability**,” took place on **15th & 16th November in Karachi, Pakistan**, bringing educators together to celebrate and reflect on the evolving landscape of English Language Teaching.

We hosted a robust lineup of international speakers, including **Dr. Graham Hall (UK), Dr. Rob Waring (Thailand), Dr. John Baker, Dr. Tran Tin Nghi (Vietnam), Sylvie Dolakova (Czech Republic), Conan Kmiecik, Hamza and Erika Van Winden (Qatar), Dr. Ikhsanuddin (Indonesia), and Dr. Bimali Indrarathne (Sri Lanka)**, among others.

On **14th November**, a vibrant Pre-Conference event, **The Literary Table**, organized in collaboration with **Kifayat Publishers**, set the tone for meaningful discussions on promoting reading at the school level.

Day One featured four dynamic symposiums organized in collaboration with our Academic Partners—**DHA Suffa University, HHS School System, IUSS, and Durbeen**. Each symposium explored crucial dimensions of ELT, including digital innovation, assessment practices, teacher development, and inclusive education.

Day Two, hosted at **Habib University’s state-of-the-art campus**, began with a welcome note by **Mr. Mohsin Tejani, President SPELT**, followed by conference highlights shared by the Chair of the Conference Professional Council, **Dr. Maliha Ahmed**. An inspiring keynote address by **Dr. Graham Hall, Professor Emeritus, Northumbria University, UK**, emphasized the importance of valuing learners’ own languages in English classrooms. This was followed by a plenary session on **peer-to-peer digital interaction** delivered by **Dr. Tran Tin Nghi (Vietnam)**, and a **British Council policy dialogue** focused on digital equity in Pakistan.

The featured sessions offered a wide range of valuable insights, while the workshops provided practical learning opportunities across multiple areas—leadership in ELT, engaging approaches to grammar, effective reading instruction, and explorations of AI, robotics, and experiential learning. A hybrid workshop on **Systemic Functional Linguistics**, led by **Prof. Beryl Exley** and supported by both international and local facilitators, received special recognition.

In the afternoon, **Mr. Abbas Husain**, in his plenary address, invited participants to reimagine the **decolonized classroom**. This was followed by a panel moderated by **Mr. Talha Chishti** of the British Council on the future of regional teacher associations. The conference concluded with a panel on **translation and translanguaging**, moderated by **Dr. Fauzia Shamim, Vice President SPELT**, highlighting the essential role of language access in promoting educational equity.

Together, we not only participated in a conference but also contributed to shaping a collective, future-ready vision for ELT.

Pictures Gallery – Day 1



Durbeen



HHS School System



IU School System



DHA Suffa University

Pictures Gallery – Day 2



Pre-Conference Event



Post-Conference Event

1.5- Hour Workshop **ACADEMUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**
Post Conference Institute
 in Collaboration with
Academus International School

Story-based CLIL(Content and Language Integrated Learning) for (Very) Young Learners

November 17, 2025 3:00 - 4:30pm
 Fee: PKR 1500/-

TARGET AUDIENCE: Early Year Teachers, Coordinators, Principals & Heads

Venue: Academus International School, St-4/1-3, Johar Hill Road, Block 3, Karachi

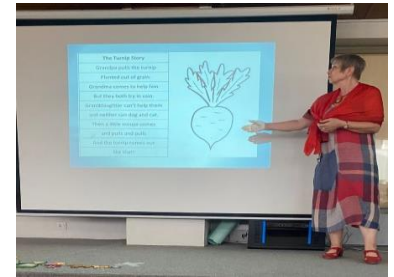
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Sylvie Dolakova
 Freelance Teacher Trainer, Author and
 ELT Consultant Czech Republic

As a Post Conference Event, an interactive workshop was conducted by Ms Sylvie Dolakova - an experienced teacher trainer, author and ELT Consultant, specialising in Early Childhood Education. The workshop titled "**Story-based CLIL(Content and Language Integrated Learning) for (Very) Young Learners**" was attended by **50+** teachers from across Karachi. Ms Dolakova shared various age-specific tools and activities for teaching language to early years.

Here are glimpse from Dolakova Sylvie's Post Conference Event at **Academus International School**



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We also thank the following for their support for making this conference an enriching experience for the participants



Upcoming Events

SPELT Society of English Language Teachers

1.5- Hour Webinar Post Conference Event

Teacher Development and Professional Learning in a Changing ELT Landscape

Member Fee: PKR 1350
Non Member Fee: PKR 1600

December 20, 2025
12:00- 1.30pm

[Click here to register](#)

Dr. Ikhsanudin
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In today's rapidly evolving English Language Teaching (ELT) landscape, the professional growth and resilience of teachers have become central to effective classroom practice. This 90-minute interactive online workshop addresses the urgent need for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities for Pakistani English teachers. The session begins by examining the CPD gap in Pakistan, highlighting structural and contextual challenges while identifying accessible pathways for sustainable professional growth. Participants will then engage with practical strategies for in-service teacher training, focusing on adaptable, low-cost models that can be implemented across diverse teaching contexts.

The workshop introduces action research as a tool for teachers to investigate and improve their own classroom practices, empowering them to generate locally relevant insights and become reflective practitioners. In addition, lesson study will be explored as a collaborative professional development model in which groups of teachers jointly plan, observe, and refine lessons. This approach not only strengthens pedagogical skills but also builds teachers' capacity for peer learning and collaboration.

Building on this, the session emphasizes the importance of mentoring and peer collaboration models in ELT, showcasing ways to foster supportive professional communities. Finally, the workshop turns to the often-overlooked area of mental health and resilience for Pakistani ELT teachers, equipping participants with strategies to maintain well-being and professional sustainability.



Dr. Ikhsanudin is an Associate Professor at Universitas Tanjungpura, Indonesia, and the founding president of the English Language Teaching Materials (ELTeaM) Association. He serves as Editor-in-Chief of a nationally indexed ELT journal and is a reviewer for internationally indexed language journals. He has presented widely across Indonesia and has been an invited speaker at over thirty international conferences in countries including the UK, USA, Germany, Singapore, India, Malaysia, Bangladesh, and the Philippines.



Yanti Sri Rezeki, Ph.D has been teaching English as a Foreign Language since 2003. She earned her Master's degree in Adult Training and Education from Monash University, Australia, and completed her PhD in Teaching, Curriculum, and Change at the Warner School of Education, University of Rochester, New York, USA. Her research interests include EFL writing instruction, curriculum development, and English language teaching methodology. She is also actively responsible for managing teacher professional education programmes for both prospective and in-service English teachers in Indonesia. Yanti currently serves as the Head of the English Language Education Study Program at FKIP Universitas Tanjungpura, where she leads academic initiatives and supports the advancement of teaching and learning in the department.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/mmivt1hQb7BibHFUA>

ACADEMIC SESSION- December 2025



ACD Session No: 494
FREE ACADEMIC SESSION FOR TEACHERS

Empowering Learners: AI-Supported Strategies for English Receptive Skills

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

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



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The webinar will present key insights, practical classroom implications, and recommendations for integrating AI tools effectively and ethically in English language teaching. It draws on a five-week qualitative study in which 14 Pakistani pre-service teachers used generative AI tools (ChatGPT, Gemini, Copilot) to support self-regulated learning (SRL) in reading and listening.

Reflexive thematic analysis revealed increased autonomy, confidence, motivation, and personalized learning, as well as challenges such as AI inaccuracies and over-reliance.

The session will be particularly valuable for English teachers seeking to enhance students' reading and listening skills through AI-based strategies. Attendees will gain practical ideas for promoting independent learning, designing AI-supported tasks, and providing adaptive feedback in their own classrooms.

Laiba Noor is an English language teacher at Bahria College Karsaz, Karachi, and a recent BS Linguistics graduate. Her academic work focuses on how AI can support language learners in developing self-regulated learning skills. Passionate about creativity, reflection, and meaningful communication, she views teaching as a way to inspire learners and contribute to a more informed and connected community.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84331102365?pwd=DUnOYs3nd3hnktmvgf8b9WC3Gs8nrt.1>

Meeting ID: 843 3110 2365

Passcode: ACD-494

Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/HR9te3iToSHjRCvV9>

ACADEMIC SESSION- November 2025

Feedback



ACD Session No: 493
FREE ACADEMIC SESSION FOR TEACHERS

POSITIVE CLASSROOMS, POWERFUL LEARNING



Syeda Asra Naqvi

Saturday, November 29, 2025
12:00 - 1:00pm

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



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The ACD session was highly productive and well-organized. The objectives of the session were clearly explained, and the activities provided practical learning that can easily be applied in the classroom. I appreciated the trainer's clear communication, supportive attitude, and willingness to answer questions. The session encouraged collaboration, creativity, and reflective thinking.

Overall, the session enhanced my understanding and gave me new ideas for improving teaching practices. I would be happy to participate in more sessions like this in the future.

The session was so I formative and engaging and we need more sessions in the future

The Webinar was very informative and engaging. The sessions were well structured and the teacher explained the topics clearly. I found the discussions and activities helpful for practical application in the classroom. Thank you for organizing this Webinar.

It was good with comfortable interaction n good ideas to share n learn.

Session was very interesting, interactive and knowledgeable

The strategies my teachers learned today felt practical and realistic, and we're excited to bring them into our classrooms. The facilitator made the session energetic and welcoming, which made it easy to participate and reflect



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SOCIETY OF PAKISTAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS (SPELT)

Meeting Details

Day: Saturday **Date:** December 20, 2025 **Time:** 3:00 p.m. **Venue:** SPELT Head Office

Dear SPELT Member,

This is to inform you that the Annual General Meeting of the Society of Pakistan English Language Teachers (SPELT) will be held on Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., at the SPELT Head Office. The details about the meeting are given below:

1. Welcome & Tilawat
2. President's Report
3. Presentation of Accounts for the financial year 2024-25
4. Reports from Professional Councils:
 - Conference Professional Council (CPC)
 - Professional Development Professional Council (PDPC)
 - Publication Professional Council (PPC)
 - Outreach Professional Council
5. Any other matters with the permission of the Chair
6. Vote of thanks

The Annual General meeting provides currently registered members an opportunity to learn about the activities carried out by the organization in the previous year, and to share their ideas and suggestions for enhancing the quality and scope of SPELT's operations.

You are requested to attend the Annual General Meeting on time and actively participate in the proceedings. Your presence will be highly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Best regards,

Khalida Sa'Adat
General Secretary



Global ELT News

Asia TEFL Webinar, 27 December 2025

From policy to the classroom: English language education in peripheral contexts

This presentation examines English language education (ELE) in fast-changing peripheral contexts. As English becomes tied to national modernization, social mobility, and global integration, many countries, especially in Asia, have introduced major policy reforms, curriculum changes, and teacher development programmes. Yet classroom realities such as certification-driven incentives, exam-oriented learning cultures, and uneven initial teacher training often complicate these reforms. Drawing on policy analysis, teacher narratives, and classroom

observations, the panel shows how teachers actively negotiate these tensions. Instead of treating peripheral contexts as passive adopters of global ELE models, the presentation highlights the agency of local teachers supported by international partners. By positioning Uzbekistan and Myanmar as contributors to ELE knowledge production, the session challenges centre–periphery hierarchies and calls for greater recognition of underexplored contexts in global ELE discourse.

Moderator:

Subhan Zein, Sunway University, Malaysia, and Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia

Panel:

Nargiza Alimovna Makhmudova, Uzbekistan State World Languages University

Nargiza Kuchkarova, Ministry of Preschool and School Education, Uzbekistan

May May Win, Education Consultant, Teacher Training and Teacher Development Programmes, Myanmar

Register for the webinar at <https://forms.gle/GFqWr3Hqk26LdsbE6>



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