



Conference Council

Registration for SPELT's 37th International Conference is open now!

Dates: 6th & 7th November 2021

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Keynote Speaker


 Dr. Deborah Healey, USA
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 2019-20
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Plenary Speakers


 Dr. Obaid Hamid, Australia
 Senior Lecturer TESOL Education
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 Dr. Sara Hillman, Qatar
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 Liberal Arts Program
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 Language and Global studies


 Dr. Syed Abdul Manan, Kazakhstan
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 Dr. Francisco Perlas Dumanig, Hawaii
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SPELT is honored to have such renowned speakers from different parts of the world

Professional Development Council

Upcoming Workshops/Courses

Workshop Title:
“Teaching Creative Writing Online”

Facilitator: Mr. Mohsin Tejani

Two Sessions 90 Minutes Each

Part One: Saturday, June 26th 2021

Part Two: Monday, July 3rd 2021

Time: 4:00 to 5.30 pm

SPELT Members Fee: PKR 1800/

Non Members Fee : PKR 2300/

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

Free Webinar of the month

Topic: Action Research for English Language Classes

Presenter: Ms. Amber Nasreen

Date: 26th June 2021, Saturday.

Time: 12 to 1 pm

Please follow us on [Facebook](#) to know about the workshops/courses that we offer.

Professional Development Resources

British Council Professional Development Courses

Here is a wonderful resource link for the teachers from British Council to help teachers in their teaching journey!

<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/professional-development/teachers>

<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/professional-development/teacher-educators>

AsiaTEFL Webinar

Register for the webinar using the link given below:

<https://forms.gle/ew6HqsBK4Zth8yzC8>

Publications Council

Call for Papers (Special issue on Research in ELT)

The Call invites practitioners, researchers, administrators to submit their work (research, practice) and professional identities (researcher, practitioner) as mutually informing and beneficial to ELT. Our global readership will include teachers, linguists, educators, and those interested in English Language Teaching in local and global contexts and second language acquisition. Our goal is to collect, inform and disseminate information from authors to readership on latest trends in the ELT.

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Call for Presenters

SPELT has always provided opportunities for its members to present and share their ideas with other English Language Teachers.

If you would like to present a webinar from SPELT Platform, please fill in the webinar proposal [form](#)

Members Area

This is a new column we are starting to hear our members accounts about the impact on COVID-19 on their lives

BLESSING IN DISGUISE

Raabia Tanveer

Bahria Town School & College Lahore



SILENCE.... It's killing me.... Still air, empty corridors, deserted rooms... Is it my school? Am I standing in my school building? I controlled my welled-up tears, I came on 24th of March, 2020 to collect some of my books and files from my school locker.

It all began, 'And from tomorrow, we are not having our regular classes in the campus, we have to teach the students from home.' 'What? ... I don't think so it's true.' Hearing news about the escalating number of Corona patients, but still my mind was not registering it as I did not want to accept the reality. It's not possible but yes, we had to! I along with other teachers had gone through a lot of trials with the trauma of impending death and fear of losing our loved ones.

After ICT help from our school, we got trained enough to meet the challenges confidently. This was the last resort for us to teach children without any gap. It was really a blessing in disguise, we all learnt in a few days on-line teaching, the current demand of our profession, which was not possible with daily grinding routine of the school.

But I was missing the physical presence of my students and same was the feeling of my students. This goes the same, like a book lover who can tell you the difference between, reading a book in hand and reading e-books. Having a book in hand, the feeling of touch, smell of paper, can't be compared with reading the words on nerve-racking screen.

Missing that hustle and bustle, finally we got the good news that we can start hybrid teaching. The students' smile, beaming faces behind the masks, buzzing of the activities, ringing bells, this is all what I was longing for.... Yes, Alhamdulillah, life is back on the track.

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ESL Teacher – Philippines

The Covid-19 pandemic greatly affects the education sector in the Philippines. It was a big challenge not only to teachers but the students as well. In this kind of crisis different possible solutions or measures were implemented so that the education will continue. As regards the feelings of students to remote learning, it is very challenging. Most schools both state schools and private institutions resort to modular distance learning and online learning. The students were challenged on the distribution and retrieval of modules since the quarantine restrictions do not allow them to go out. The parents are the ones responsible to visit the school to claim the modules and return them as well after a week of doing tasks without teacher intervention. The online class was also tested since the internet connection in the Philippines is the slowest in Southeast Asia.

Several interruptions were encountered specifically to those students who are residing in the far-flung areas. There are lots of challenges that we need to face as regards how we are going to reach our learners. Many learners are dropping out and decided to have academic holidays for this year. I as a teacher become a little frustrated and yet looked for ways on how I can extend help to all the learners and pay attention to their complaints and agonies as regards the difficulty of learning specifically in answering the self-learning modules. Unfortunately, face-to-face learning is still not possible in our area due to the new Covid-19 variant and of course the absence of the vaccine. We are all hoping for the best to come where there is no need for us to wear the face mask and the face shield. We hope to go back to normal at the soonest time possible.

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