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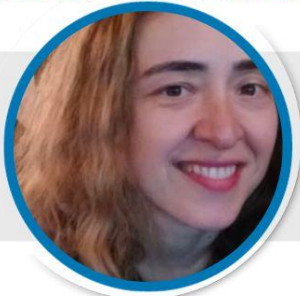
TEACHING-LEARNING OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE: LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

November 4-5, 2023

Habib Public School

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Tamrika Khvtisiashvili, USA
English Language Specialist, U.S.
State Department



Classroom 2.0: Tools for Digital Learning that students love

PLENARY SPEAKERS



Dr John Baker, Vietnam
Conference Chair International, TESOL
Conference 2022, Ton Duc Thang University

Empowering Apprenticing Writing with Model Texts



Melanie Gobert, UAE
Past President of TESOL
Arabia Conference Co-chair 2015
and 2019-2023

Negotiating the Linguistic Challenges of English as a Medium of Instruction



Abbas Husain, Pakistan
Director, Teachers Development Centre

The Time is Out of Joint



Dr. Mike Medley, U.S
Professor Emeritus at Eastern
Mennonite University

Self-Care For Teachers



Dr. Nguyen Ngoc Vu, Japan
Associate Professor, Vice President Ho Chi Minh City University of Foreign
Languages-Information, Technology , Chairman TESOL

Navigating the Future of TESOL with Artificial Intelligence

Featured Speaker

Sabina Khatri, Pakistan

Founder of Kiran
Foundation



Dr. Fatima Dar, Pakistan

CEO and Managing
Partner, Oak Consulting



Rafiah Mudassir, Pakistan

Founder of Noor ul
Huda Education



SPELT has opened registration for the 39th SPELT International Conference 2023

Registration can only be availed for in-person participation

Member Fee

PKR. 2500/-

Regular

August 01 to Oct 31, 2023

Non Member Fee

PKR. 3000/-

On-Site Fee: PKR 3500/

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TEACHER STORIES

Calling all English Language Teachers!

Please submit your story on a word Document, with a **captivating title**.

Submission Deadline
October 10, 2023

Share your incredible journey and inspire others with your amazing stories. Whether it's a heart warming anecdote, a magical classroom moment, or a break through with a student, we want to hear your wonderful experiences. Join us in celebrating the power of education and submit your story. Your words have the potential to change lives and shape the future. Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference!"

To enter the competition, please ensure that your submission falls within the word limit of 250-300 words, and has a title. Include the following information at the end of your document: **Name, Institution/School, Email, Country, Mobile Number, Headshot photo**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

English language teachers from anywhere in the world

SUBMIT TO

speltteacherstories@gmail.com
by October 10, 2023

WEBSITE

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

<https://forms.gle/zw6p2WbCTXXx nubW6>

AWARDS

Announcement of Awards at the Conference
Closing Session of the Conference on
Nov. 5, 2023 - 5:30pm

3 Best Stories Awards

10 Meritorious Mention Awards

1-year complimentary SPELT Membership for winners

OUP Book (Pakistani awardees only)

Awarded stories will be published in the SPELT

Quarterly Journal

E-Certificate of participation for all entries

PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTES



1.5- Hour Webinar
Pre-Conference Institute (PCI)

ChatGPT, MidJourney, D-ID and other AI tools in English Language Teaching

Keywords: Artificial intelligence, ChatGPT, MidJourney, D-ID, Fotor.

**October 21, 2023****3:30pm to 5:00pm**

**SPELT Members Fee: PKR 1200/
Non Members Fee : PKR 1500/-**

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

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Assoc.Prof.Dr. Nguyen Ngoc Vu

This workshop provides an in-depth exploration of the current and future landscape of artificial intelligence (AI) applications in the field of English language instruction. This interactive workshop will begin with a swift review of relevant AI literature to establish a solid foundational understanding for participants. We will delve into the mechanics of ChatGPT, a powerful language model by OpenAI, and elucidate on the principles of machine learning. The spotlight will then be turned onto MidJourney, D-ID, Fotor, and other innovative AI tools, demonstrating their utility and versatility in designing real-world English Language Teaching (ELT) products. In addition to showcasing these tools in action, the workshop will critically evaluate the wider implications of AI for language teachers. We will address pressing questions such as: How can AI augment traditional language teaching methodologies? What are the potential challenges and ethical considerations when integrating AI in the classroom? This workshop is designed to be both educational and practical, offering insights into the burgeoning AI-ELT landscape and prompting a thoughtful discourse on AI ethics in education. Whether you are an ELT professional interested in integrating AI into your practice, or an AI enthusiast curious about its applications in language teaching, this workshop will equip you with the knowledge and insights to navigate this dynamic intersection of technology and education.

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Assoc.Prof.Dr. Nguyen Ngoc Vu is currently Vice-President of Ho Chi Minh City University of Foreign Languages - Information Technology (HUFLIT), and Chairman of STESOL founded by Association of Vietnamese Universities and Colleges. With training experience from more than 25 countries, his main expertise is building digital transformation competency and providing consultation services to higher education institutions and businesses across Vietnam. He won Vietnam Technology Innovation Award in 2012 and got recognized as Vietnam Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) Master Trainer in 2014. His research interests include Computational Linguistics, Cognitive Linguistics, Computer Assisted Language Learning and ELT Methodology.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/6Fjhysw1RKDqmwfe9>



FREE ACADEMIC SESSION FOR
ENGLISH TEACHERS

ACD Session No: 467

Navigating the current debates in ELT: Research-Based Pedagogy in English Language Teaching



Time: 12:00 to 1:00pm



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Afsheen Ahmed

SPELT invites you to explore research-based pedagogy in English Language Teaching through a critical and reflective lens. In this session, you are going to engage in a dialogue for a deeper understanding of the significance of evidence-based teaching methods and openly discuss the challenges faced by English teachers in the current age.

Afsheen Ahmed is a promising educator with over 17 years of experience in Montessori methods, K-12 and Cambridge English Language teaching at prestigious institutions including Karachi Grammar School, BVS Parsi high school, and Kiran Foundation. Her multidisciplinary knowledge emerges from her double bachelor's degrees in Commerce and Education, a master's degree in Business Administration, and an ongoing study for an international Master's in Changing Education from the esteemed University of Helsinki, Finland. She is a certified ESOL instructor from SPELT, a teacher trainer and is also an expert in business communication and social media content creation. Afsheen also serves as the editor of an international blog platform and has extensive experience in student advocacy on an international stage. Her research in academia is focused on equity issues, ethical dilemma and inclusivity in international education. She is currently engaged in creating a global platform for research-based teacher education.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/XT8rLFFdrQGSWpjw9>

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Global English Education China Assembly, 2023

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Prof. Zakia Sarwar, a founder member and patron-in-chief of SPELT was invited as a featured speaker to represent the organisation at the 6th Global English China Assembly held in Macao from 28-30 July, 2023. Approximately 1600 Chinese teachers participated in this 3-day event to gain from the knowledge and expertise of presenters from over 20 countries from around the world. These included experts from the USA, UK, New Zealand, Italy, Thailand, Russia, Singapore, Nepal, Mongolia, Indonesia, and Pakistan. The theme was "New Opportunities for the World with New Advances in China's Development: Opening up New Prospects in English Education Cooperation Worldwide". This year's assembly was hosted by China Daily, Shanghai International Studies University and organized by City University, Macao and China Daily's 21st Century English Education Media.

The formal inaugural session began in a packed auditorium with a beautiful and soothing music performance which settled the audience. This was followed by inaugural speeches of the honoured chief guest and other invitees. These were mainly delivered in Chinese, but the rest of the conference proceedings were in English. In the course of 3 days, there were nine keynote speakers who shared their thoughts on a variety of topics. June Liu spoke about the Future Role of English, David Nunan about Paradigm Shift in Language Education, and Mao Sihui on Cultivating Active Global Citizenship for China TESOL: Challenges and Strategies. He outlined the importance of acquainting the world with Chinese customs and cultural values. The online Closing Keynote was from Stephen Krashen discussing "'Study' versus Pleasure Reading" which enables language learners to learn English in a non threatening way. Over a hundred presentations were also made, in parallel sessions, by Chinese teachers from schools, colleges, and universities. Prof Zakia Sarwar representing SPELT as a featured speaker, presented her research on "Empowering EFL Learners to Become Proficient Users of English", which was well received.

The China Assembly placed a great deal of importance on acquainting the world about Chinese values and culture and the Chinese teachers to become familiar with cultures of other countries. This follows Xi Jinping's idea of 'building a community with a shared future for mankind'. Just as the Silk Route in our part of the world connected the neighbouring regions, 'Belt and Road Initiative' dreams of using the English language as a bridge, and thus the world can be connected for a shared and peaceful future.

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