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for Maximum Talk



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for a Better Learning
Environment



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Innovations in Language
Education: Harnessing the Power
of Generative AI Tools

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Start at 13.00 - 18.00

📍 Ramada Plaza Antalya

FOREWORD

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to our 8th ELT Conference hosted by Antalya Bilim University School of Foreign Languages at Ramada Hotel Antalya City Centre on April 27th, 2024. The conference theme, "**Innovate to Educate: Reshaping ELT for Tomorrow**," underscores the importance of innovation and evolution in language teaching.

Teaching effectively goes beyond mere instruction, necessitating awareness, expertise, adaptability, and tailored lesson design to meet students' psychological and linguistic needs. We believe that this conference will inspire educators to enhance their skills and knowledge, fostering positive impacts on student learning.

Our heartfelt gratitude extends to colleagues and sponsors whose support made this conference possible. We hope you find the conference enriching.

Best Regards,

CONFERENCE AGENDA

12:45 - 13:15	Registration
13:15 - 13:30	Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Aktan <i>Opening Remarks</i>
13:30 - 14:30	Sharon Barrett <i>Effective Communication for Maximum Talk</i>
14:30 - 14:45	Coffee Break 
14:45 - 15:45	Dr. Murat Kaplan <i>Understanding Nonverbals for a Better Learning Environment</i>
15:45 - 16:00	Coffee Break 
16:00 - 17:00	Dr. Mustafa Polat <i>Innovations in English Language Education: Harnessing the Power of Generative AI Tools</i>
17:05 - 17:30	Raffle
17:30 - 17:45	Closing Remarks



SHARON BARRETT

Sharon Barrett has been an ELT/ESL teacher for more than 30 years in Turkey teaching all ages and levels. Sharon has a strong background in international programmes such as the General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP). She has been a freelance teacher trainer for Cambridge ELT and Cambridge International Education since 2014. Sharon is currently a full-time International Education & ELT Coordinator for Unlimited Educational Services (UES), supporting schools with their journey into international education, as well as continuing her passion for teacher training. Sharon's main interests are promoting active learning in classrooms to maximize the essential 21st century skills and instill the desire for lifelong learning in students.

Abstract

Effective Communication for Maximum Talk

English language classrooms are a communication hub. Language learning has always focused on the four skills reading, writing, listening and speaking, so why is communication the biggest hurdle in our silent classrooms? In this session, we will look at what effective communication is and how to maximise classroom talk amongst our students.



DR. MURAT KAPLAN

Dr. Kaplan received the title of Doctor of Pedagogy with his doctoral study completed in 2001, following his undergraduate (in ELL) and graduate (in ESL) studies, He then focused his research mostly on understanding human behavior, and received the expertise in the fields of Forensic Psychology and Forensic Document Examination after completing the Psychology Diploma Program in English with honor. Some of the trainings he has completed (in English language) to increase competence in human behavior are as follows:

- Child Psychology
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)
- Mental Health Diploma Program
- Neuro-Psychology Diploma Program
- Body Language Diploma Program
- Criminal Psychology Diploma Program

Dr. Kaplan earned the 'Best Research Paper' awards twice with his scientific papers presented at two different international conferences held on November 21, 2020 and April 10, 2021.

Dr. Kaplan has delivered speeches at 3 TEDx Conferences, and participated many national and international prestigious organizations as a guest speaker.

He is fluent in 5 languages in addition to Turkish and English; and has published over 30 books.

Abstract

Understanding Nonverbals for a Better Learning Environment

In this presentation, we will first remember some of the essential concepts in pedagogical and behavioral psychology; then we will carefully examine the significant processes that affect learning as a whole. Little attention seems to be paid to the nonverbal aspect of communication in educational settings; and this can strongly disrupt the overall feedback processes that impact the learning journey.



DR. MUSTAFA POLAT

Mustafa Polat (Ph.D in Second Language Acquisition and Teaching) is an Assistant Professor at the Department of English Language Teaching (ELT) of Marmara University (MU), Istanbul. He previously worked at Bahçeşehir University (BAU) and served as the chair of BAU ELT for four years.

His research interests lie in the area of computer-assisted language learning, pre-service and in-service teacher education, and user adoption of new technologies. Accordingly, he has been offering various courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels. He has advised several MA and PhD students and authored articles in indexed journals and chapters in national and international books. He also offers classes at Boğaziçi University and BAU for senior-year pre-service language teachers as a visiting instructor. He conducts training sessions and workshops for educators employed by colleges and higher education institutions all around Turkey.

Workshop Title: Innovations in Language Education: Harnessing the Power of Generative AI Tools

Abstract

Explore the cutting edge of language education with our workshop tailored for instructors of schools of foreign languages. Delve into the realm of generative AI tools without the need for prior technical expertise. From image and video generation to interactive AI bots, discover how these tools can revolutionize language teaching, enriching both the learning experience and outcomes. Unleash the potential of AI without the jargon, equipping yourself for the future of language education.

Workshop Objectives:

- o Define key concepts related to generative AI in language education.
- o Identify various applications of generative AI in language skills development.
- o Develop strategies for integrating AI tools seamlessly into language instruction.
- o Explore the capabilities of image and video generation and AI bots in a language education context.

Schedule:

Session 1 (1 Hour): AI in Language Teaching: A Quick Dive into Generative Tools

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Registration

Please take your badges from the registration desk before you proceed to the conference hall.

Help and Assistance

ABU Staff will be available to assist you throughout the organization.

Catering

Tea, coffee and light snacks will be served during the breaks outside the conference hall.

Certificates of Participation

All conference participants will be given a certificate of attendance at the end of the day.

Feedback Forms

We would really be pleased to receive your invaluable feedback. Please scan the QR Code on your badges to access the conference feedback form.

For further questions, please send an e-mail to elt.events@antalya.edu.tr

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