

Upper Northern Affiliate, Thailand TESOL Organization

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Conference Schedule

Thailand TESOL Pre-Conference 2016

“Empowering the 21st - century learners and teachers”

การเสริมพลังให้ผู้เรียนและผู้สอนในศตวรรษที่ 21

Friday 22nd January 2016, Mercure Hotel, Chiang Mai

8.30 – 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 9.15	Opening ceremony
9.15 – 10.30	Humour in ELT (การใช้อารมณ์ขันในการสอนภาษาอังกฤษ) Asst. Prof. Apisak Pupipat, Ph.D., Department of English, Thammasat University
10.30 – 10.45	Refreshments
10.45 – 12.00	Teaching Cultures in EFL Classroom (การสอนวัฒนธรรมในชั้นเรียน ภาษาอังกฤษเป็นภาษาต่างประเทศ) Asst. Prof. Navaporn Sanprasert Snodin, Ph.D., Department of Foreign Languages, Faculty of Humanities, Kasetsart University
12.00 – 13.00	LUNCH
13.00 – 14.15	Teaching adolescents: Turning a challenge into a golden opportunity (การสอนวัยรุ่น: เปลี่ยนความท้าทายให้เป็นโอกาสทอง) Ajarn Steven Graham, Rajamangala University of Technology Isan (RMUTI), Khon Kaen Campus
14.15 – 14.30	Refreshments
14.30 – 15.45	Self-Study on IELTS Preparation (การเตรียมสอบ IELTS ด้วยตนเอง) Ajarn Steven Graham, Rajamangala University of Technology Isan (RMUTI), Khon Kaen Campus
15.45 – 16.00	Lucky draw and closing ceremony

Remark: The schedule may be subject to change.

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Presentation Abstracts

Humour in ELT — for active Thai teachers of English

Apisak Pupipat

Abstract:

The fact that English is probably the most important language nowadays and therefore indispensable for students, including those in Thailand, is indisputable. Yet, because of its being different than Thai and teachers' varying teaching styles (which can lead to boredom), a lot of Thai students may find studying English a big challenge. This workshop starts with the premise that in order to overcome this problem found in ELT in Thailand, teachers have to know how to motivate students. One effective way is to use humour, whether in the form of comic strips, jokes, children's/young adults' novels, songs, online commercials or films. This workshop explores how to use humour in an English classroom in Thailand. Specifically, it deals with what humour is and its benefits, the main types to be used in ELT, where to find it, activities and entertaining media relating to the English language learning, and caveats on how to use it.

Presenter:

For over a decade, Dr Apisak Pupipat has been using humour to edutain his students, at various levels and with varying degrees of success (and failure) — at Thammasat University's English Department (his current work place) and elsewhere. In the meantime, he enjoys organising English camps, training teachers, and DJing classical music via his Facebook (which will be kept 'top secret,' except for his fan club members).

Teaching Cultures in EFL Classroom

Navaporn Snodin

Abstract:

The presenter will demonstrate how knowledge of culture could possibly be positioned in a Thai EFL curriculum and discuss the choices which were made in designing a culture course and its course material for students majoring in English at a Thai tertiary level institution. The course provided both cultural and linguistic practice to help students make new intercultural and cognitive connections. Potential materials, including newspapers and magazine articles, nonfiction, TV programmes and films will be suggested. The discussion of a few practical ways in which these materials can be used to promote cultural awareness and how they could be used to facilitate opportunities for language skills practice will also be provided.

Presenter:

Navaporn Snodin is an assistant professor in English and Applied Linguistics and the Head of Research & International Affairs of Department of Foreign Languages, Kasetsart University. She gained her PhD from Newcastle University, UK. She is one of the founding members of the PhD-EIC (English for International Communication) programme. Her research publications include culture in language teaching, blended learning, language and globalisation, and world Englishes.

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Teaching adolescents: Turning a challenge into a golden opportunity

Steven Graham

Abstract:

'Mother Nature is providential. She gives us 12 years to develop a love for our children before turning them into teenagers.' Many ELT teachers share this negative view of teenagers that is reflected in the quote above and complain that adolescents are the hardest group to teach. Yet, as some second language acquisition research shows, teenagers are at an ideal age to learn languages. In this session we will explore what makes teaching teenagers challenging and suggest ways in which we can tap into teenagers' abundant energy and create optimal conditions for language learning.

Self-Study on IELTS Preparation

Abstract:

With more than 2 million candidates annually, IELTS is increasingly gaining popularity as a language proficiency testing system, whether the focus is on professional or academic development. In this session, we will present a self-study IELTS preparation book, the objective of which is twofold: first, it focuses on demystifying the principles behind the test through tips and learning strategies, thereby teaching candidates to effectively tackle IELTS task types. Second, it provides invaluable practice in areas that test-takers find most challenging. In addition to providing practice tests, this book also teaches candidates time-management skills and other coping techniques; provides writing appendices thoroughly explaining the writing tasks; offers extra practice with speaking and vocabulary consolidation as well as an extensive glossary covering all the key vocabulary in the tests.

Presenter:

Steven Graham is an English language teacher at Rajamangala University of Technology Isan (RMUTI), Khon Kaen Campus. His main interests are in English for Specific Purposes (ESP), English for Academic Purposes (EAP), testing and evaluation, teacher training and primary school teaching and learning materials.

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B2 Santitham Hotel	053-220059	http://www.b2hotel.com/
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Furama Hotel, Chiang Mai	053-415222	http://www.furama.com/chiangmai
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