New Directions South Asia

Technology and tradition: the changing face of assessment in English language learning systems

Conference Programme - Day 1 - Friday February 21st

Time	Stein Auditorium
8:30–9:25	**Registration**
9:30 – 10:15	**Opening ceremony** • Helen Silvester, Regional Director South Asia, British Council • Joseph Emmanuel, Chief Executive and Secretary, The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) • Mina Patel, Conference Chair, New Directions South Asia, British Council
10:15 – 11:00	**Keynote speech** **Technology and tradition: the changing face of assessment in English language learning systems** - Professor Barry O'Sullivan OBE, Director, English Language Research, British Council
11:00 – 11:30	**Tea / Coffee Break**
11:30 – 12:30	**Regional Panel discussion** **The vision for English language assessment in South Asia** **Chair:** Amol Padwad, Retd. Director, Centre for English Language Education, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi **Participants:** • Indrani Bhaduri, National Council of Educational Research & Training, India • Mahashram Sharma, National Examination Board, Nepal • Gazi Md. Saifuzzaman, Department of Youth Development, Bangladesh • Romola Rassool, Director of the Postgraduate Institute of English, Open University of Sri Lanka • Fauzia Shamim, Chief Academic Officer, Durbeen, Pakistan

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12:35 – 13:05	**A study of Rubric Based Assessment in Improving the Self-Esteem of Learners** Dhivya A P *English for employability*	**Chatbots for Interactive Testing of Reading** Ashani Maxworth *Artificial Intelligence (AI) in English Education*	**Pedagogical Question for Multilingual Education in India** R. Meganathan *The role of English in multilingual education contexts*	**Cognitive Load and Morphological Development in Young ESL Writing: The Influence of Task Familiarity** Satuluri Sahana *Assessing young learners*
13:10 – 13:40	**Innovative assessments using translanguaging strategies in multilingual Bilingual Education classrooms** Romola Rassool Nadee Mahawattha *The role of English in multilingual education contexts*	**Enabling respectable migration, Nepal** Pratistha Thapa Rayamajhi Giriraj Gnawali *Spotlight*	**Enhancing fresh graduates' workplace readiness in India** Kamini Taneja *Assessing young learners*	
13:40 - 14:40	**Lunch break - provided at the venue**			

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14:40 – 15:10	**Assessing English Language Learners: A Mixed-Methods Study of Assessment Practices in an Indian School Context** Muskan Chhaparia Krishna G *Assessing young learners*	**Should India focus on English Language proficiency to catalyse its vision of being a manpower supplier to the world?** Emma Bourne *English for employability*	**Data Privacy and Ethical Standards: Challenges of AI in Language Assessment** Anup Mitra *Artificial Intelligence (AI) in English Education*	**But can they do their job?** Evan Frendo *English for employability*
15:15 – 15:45	**English for Employability: A Study on the General English Subject for Upper Senior Secondary Students in Sri Lanka** Nimali Baduraliya *English for employability*	**The Future of English: findings from South Asia** Mina Patel *The role of English in multilingual education contexts*	**'TCS iON NPT English with British Council': Developing a localised proficiency test to international standards** Meha Dayal Johanna Motteram *English for employability*	**Leveraging Multilingualism in Sri Lankan Young Learners' A2-Level Classrooms: Translanguaging Approaches for Effective English Assessment** Isaac Ajuoga *The role of English in multilingual education contexts*
15:50 – 16:20	**Assessing the Implementation and Impact of Mother Tongue-Based Education in Delhi: An Evaluation of NEP 2020 Policies and Stakeholder Perspectives** Meena Sehrawat Jeegayasa Chiter Rekha *The role of English in multilingual education contexts*	**Undergraduate Students' Perceptions of Learning Public Speaking for Academic and Professional Development** Pushpa Priya *English for employability*	**Online learning - a gamechanger for programme outcomes?** Shivangi Gupta *Spotlight*	
16:20–16:50	**Tea / Coffee Break**			
16:50 – 17:50	**Plenary presentation** **Challenges and approaches in assessing language learning in young learners** Victoria Murphy, Professor of Applied Linguistics and Director of the Department of Education, University of Oxford			
17:50–18:05	**Closing day 1** • Alison Barrett, Country Director, India, British Council			
19:30	**Networking dinner - Margosa Lawn (India Habitat Center)**			

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Time	Stein Auditorium			
9:30 – 9:40	**Welcome to Day 2**			
9:40 – 10:40	**Panel discussion** **The role of English in employability in the region** **Chair** Victoria Clark, Manager, Global Assessments Solutions, British Council **Panelists** • Harriet Gardner, Regional Exams Director, British Council • Evan Frendo, English Language Teaching Professional, Germany • Manivannan Ranganathan, Segment Head for Higher Education, TCS iON, India • Karan Singh, Government Relations & Partner Engagement, NASSCOM, India			
10:40–11:10	**Tea / Coffee Break**			

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11:10 – 11:40		**Enhancing English Language Teaching Efficacy of Preservice Teachers through Innovative Assessment Practices using Micro Teaching Approach** Malka Wickramasinghe *The role of English in multilingual education contexts*	**What can we learn from comparing Adult and Teen performances on a B2 Speaking task?** Gwendydd Caudwell *Assessing young learners*	**Using English Language Assessments to support skill development initiatives in Kerala, India** Vinod Sankar James T George *Spotlight*
11:45 – 12:15	**FET for IT Freelancers - a successful case from ICT Division, Bangladesh** Maxim Raimann *Spotlight*	**Testing Emergent Bilinguals' Vocabulary: Use of L1 and Possibilities for AI-assistance** Jenifer Deivanayagam *Artificial Intelligence (AI) in English Education*	**Building Workforce Readiness: Integrating English Proficiency and Human Skills in Language Teaching and Assessment** Mike Mayor Magda Woodham *English for employability*	**Navigating Multilingualism and English Language Education: Challenges and Prospects in Higher Studies under NEP 2020** Rashmi Saikia *The role of English in multilingual education contexts*
12:20 – 12:50	**A Holistic Approach to Formative Assessment in Young Learner Classrooms: Insights from a Project-Based Learning Pilot Project in Sri Lanka** Ahisha Haneef *Assessing young learners*	**Material Evaluation through the CareerEDGE Lens: Assessing Employability Skills in Undergraduate English Courses** Simon Peter *English for employability*	**Guiding Multilingual Competencies: New Directions in Materials, Pedagogies, and Assessments for English in Diverse Educational Settings** Nandita Sarkar *The role of English in multilingual education contexts*	
12:50–13:50	**Lunch break - provided at the venue**			

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13:50 – 14:20		**Training of teachers to use technological advances in teaching English language in multilingual classroom** Madhuri Kannangara *The role of English in multilingual education contexts*	**High volume. High stakes. Introducing Communicative Speaking testing in Japan** Johanna Motteram *Spotlight*	**Integrating Technology and AI into ELT** Mohammed Thowhidul Islam *Artificial Intelligence (AI) in English Education*
14:25 – 14:55		**Exploring the Impact of AI Feedback in Self-Assessment: A Duoethnographic Study** Humaira Mariyam B, V K Karthika *Artificial Intelligence (AI) in English Education*	**Bangladeshi young learners perform well in grammar but poor in language** Masum Billah *Assessing young learners*	**Integrated Language Assessment and Learning Solutions for Higher Education Reform in India** Victoria Clark *Spotlight*
15:00 – 15:45	**English and skills for employability symposium** **Chair** Duncan Wilson, CEO, British Council Education, India			
15:45– 16:15	**Tea / Coffee Break**			
16:15 – 17:15	**Panel discussion** **Artificial Intelligence in English Education: Bridge or Barrier?** **Chair** Mina Patel, Head of Research, Future of English, British Council **Panelists** • Neenaz Ichaporia, EdTech Lead, British Council • Madhuri Kannangara – Regional English Support Centre, Kandy, Sri Lanka • Ramanujam Meghanathan, Professor of English, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), India • Sandhya Awasthi, Executive Director, The Delhi Public School Society (DPSS), Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), India • Vinnie Jauhari, Senior Director for Education, Microsoft India			
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