



IATEFL Testing, Evaluation and Assessment Special Interest Group (TEASIG)  
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## ***Best Classroom Practices on Assessment***

**24 – 25 January, 2020 – AX Seashells Resorts, Suncrest, Malta**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Closing date for proposals: 16 December 2019

#### ***Plenary Speakers***

**Daniel Xerri**, ELT Council & University of Malta, Malta

**Nick Saville**, Cambridge Assessment, UK

**Odette Vassallo**, University of Malta, Malta

**Zeynep Ürkün**, Kadir Has University, İstanbul, Turkey

#### **Conference Theme:**

Reinforcing language learning with effective assessment is as vital as applying effective teaching methods. While catering teaching methods for learners to achieve the most desirable outcomes, it would be unwise to impair their learning process with poor assessment practices. Increased awareness of the considerable impact of assessment on learning has aroused a great curiosity among teachers about how to develop assessment tasks for the enhancement of learning. Surveys have repeatedly shown that teachers' knowledge and skills in this critical area fall well short of what is needed. This is hardly surprising because assessment is often treated as an afterthought: the final chapter in the book and the last module of the course. To this end, teachers need a supportive platform to develop their assessment literacy skills and to consider practical ideas that can be applied in their classrooms.

This one and a half day conference aims to support teachers in their efforts to apply *best classroom practices on assessment*, with plenaries from the leading voices in this field as well as talks and workshops from speakers coming from a range of educational settings. This conference will be a platform where practitioners and researchers come together to discuss theoretical insights and methods of implementation.

We welcome proposals from language teachers and researchers working in assessment to contribute to this supportive environment where we can all exchange ideas to improve our assessment practices. Workshop and talk proposals may cover one or a few of the suggested themes as follows: assessment for learning, assessment of learning, technology and assessment, authentic formative assessment, washback of assessment, the role of teachers' assessment literacy, teachers and learners as assessors, self- and peer assessment, and the role of placement testing and diagnostic assessment.

**Proposals must be received by midnight (UK local time) on 16 December 2019.**

The Speaker Proposal form can be found on the next page or downloaded from <http://tea.iatefl.org/>.

We will be delighted to see as many of you as possible either as presenters or as delegates.



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**SPEAKER PROPOSAL FORM PAGE 1**

| DETAILS OF PRESENTATION   |  |
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| <b>MAIN PRESENTER</b>   |  |
| Title   | Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Prof. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| First Name  | _____ Last Name _____  |
| Email   | _____ Place of work _____ or Freelance <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| Are you a member of IATEFL?   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If so, indicate membership number _____   |
| Are you a member of TEASIG?   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| <b>JOINT PRESENTER</b> (if relevant)  |  |
| Title   | Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Prof. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| First Name  | _____ Last Name _____  |
| Email   | _____ Place of work _____ or Freelance <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| Are you a member of IATEFL?   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If so, indicate membership number _____   |
| TITLE (maximum 10 words) _____ words (please give the number of words in your title)                    |  |
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| <b>TYPE OF PRESENTATION</b>   |  |
| Talk (30 min)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop (60 min) <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| ABSTRACT (maximum 75 words) _____ words (please give the number of words in your abstract)              |  |
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| Please also remember to fill in the 200-250 word summary and the 50-word bio-data sections of this form |  |

| EQUIPMENT NEEDED  |                        |
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| All rooms will have a laptop and LCD projector. Wi-fi will also be available on the premises. Please indicate if you require any other equipment <i>**see '5' on Page 5</i> |                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No additional equipment required   | I will also need _____ |

**Please send this form (by e-mail only) to arrive no later than midnight (UK Local time) on 16 December 2019.**

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**A decision on your proposal will be communicated to you by 28 December 2019.**  
**Once a proposal has been accepted, all speakers must register online for the conference and pay before 10 January 2020.**



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**SPEAKER PROPOSAL FORM PAGE 2**

In order to allow the programme committee to evaluate your proposal, please include an extended summary of your presentation (200-250 words) in the space below, specifying objectives, central idea and whether your presentation is the result of :

research or action research  classroom experimentation  theoretical study

other  (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Summary of the session (maximum 250 words)**

**Bio-data (maximum 50 words)**

Would you like your e-mail address to be included in the Conference Programme? Yes  No



#### DELEGATE CANCELLATIONS:

Cancellations of registration fees received before **31 December 2019** will incur a 50% cancellation charge. Cancellations after this date will not be refunded. All bank charges must be paid by the delegate. We strongly recommend that delegates purchase insurance to cover any cancellations and losses that may occur whilst they are away from home.

#### IATEFL EVENT CANCELLATION POLICY:

IATEFL reserves the right to cancel an event at its sole discretion. In the event of a cancellation by IATEFL, we will refund the full value of the registration booking. Please note that if the event is cancelled by IATEFL we will be unable to reimburse you for travel and other associated costs related to the event. In the event of the cancellation of an event, IATEFL will endeavour to contact all attendees wherever possible, through contact details given at the time of booking. We strongly recommend that you purchase insurance to cover any cancellation charges or losses that may occur.

#### Please note that:

1. Incomplete proposals or proposals that do not fulfil the requirements will not be accepted.
2. The closing date for speaker proposals is **midnight (UK local time) on 16 December 2019**. Any proposal received after this date will be placed on a reserve list.
3. You will receive notification of acceptance of your proposal **by 28 December 2019**.
4. Once a proposal has been accepted, all speakers must register online for the conference and pay **before 10 January 2020**.
5. Equipment:
  - Presenters will **not** be asked to contribute to rental expenses for LCD projectors.
  - Laptops will be available in the rooms for speakers who wish to use a projector.
  - IATEFL TEASIG will do their best to provide any requested additional equipment for talks and workshops, but sourcing such equipment may be beyond our means. We will let speakers know if we are unable to source any requested equipment.
6. Types of presentations:
  - Talk (30 minutes): speaker describes and discusses theoretical issues. 25 minutes should be allowed for explanation and 5 minutes for discussion/questions.
  - Workshop (60 minutes): speaker introduces his/her topic with a mini-lecture and invites active participation from the audience.
7. Cancellations from speakers:

Speakers are kindly asked to inform the conference organizers of any cancellations **by 31 December 2019**, so that the Conference Committee can start informing the speakers who are on the reserve list.
8. Online Booking:

Please note that online registration through the IATEFL website will close **on 10 January 2020**. All delegates should complete their registration by then. Delegates wishing to register after this date will need to do so on-site where only cash payments can be accepted. Please use the following link for online registration: [https://secure.iatefl.org/events/step1.php?event\\_id=201](https://secure.iatefl.org/events/step1.php?event_id=201)



9. Privacy notice:

By answering a call for contributions, or submitting a speaker proposal, to an IATEFL Special Interest Group (SIG) you are agreeing to share your details with the relevant committee member(s) of that IATEFL SIG, rather than to IATEFL Head Office. The information included in your submission will be used only for the purpose defined in the call, and will not be disclosed to any third party or be used to send unsolicited emails. Any data that is no longer required by the IATEFL SIG for this specific purpose of the call will be deleted.