



Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization
Regional Language Centre

50TH RELC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

TRANSCENDING BOUNDARIES IN LANGUAGE LEARNING

Language Arts and ELT Across the Curriculum

16-18 March 2015

Invited Speakers

Jack Richards, Australia

David Marsh, Finland

Torben Schmidt, Germany

Cecilia Shek Chun Ka-wai, Hong Kong

Setiono Sugiharto, Indonesia

Moses Samuel, Malaysia

Jonathan Newton, New Zealand

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Theme & Dates

**Transcending Boundaries in Language Learning:
Language Arts and ELT Across the Curriculum
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Venue

**SEAMEO Regional Language Centre
30 Orange Grove Road
Singapore 258352**

Rationale

Language learning thrives in a content-rich environment. Language Arts teaching constitutes an important area in teacher education. A target language becomes more meaningfully integrated when it is learned through content and when there is a balanced emphasis on literacy and oracy. Increasingly, education systems in Asia and beyond are bringing about sustainable learning outcomes by adopting more innovative approaches to language teaching and learning as they undertake systemic reforms in language teaching practice and policy.

The current trend in English Language Teaching (ELT) and Language Arts leans towards better integration of the language skills and content used in teaching and learning. These two major strands, Language Arts and ELT across the curriculum, enrich and enhance the pedagogies in the language classroom and transcend boundaries in language learning. Language teaching invariably includes the six macro skills of the Language Arts, namely, reading, writing, speaking, listening, viewing and visually representing (visual literacy) which permeate the curriculum.

This Conference marks a significant milestone for RELC as a *Centre of Choice* for the region. It will be hosting its 50th Conference in 2015, and the Conference will bring language professionals who have come from many different countries the world over to share their findings, ideas and insights into Language Arts and ELT across the curriculum.

Aims

The 50th RELC International Conference has the following aims:

- To provide academics and practitioners with a forum for sharing current research and practices on Language Arts pedagogies and ELT across the curriculum
- To engage in discussion and conversations on Language Arts education, standards, assessment and sustainable learning outcomes
- To share best practices and research on innovative approaches to ELT
- To develop a greater awareness and understanding of policy and implementation issues in ELT across the curriculum

Topic Areas

The topic areas include:

- Language Arts pedagogies and integrated teaching of the skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing and visually representing
- Language Arts education, standards, assessment and sustainable learning outcomes
- Models and best practice of teaching Language Arts in the Digital Age
- Innovative approaches to ELT
- ELT across the curriculum
- Policy and implementation issues in ELT across the curriculum

Paper/Workshop Proposals

1. Parallel Papers

These are formal lecture presentations lasting thirty minutes plus ten minutes question time.

2. Workshops

In these 1-hour sessions, there is little lecturing by the workshop presenters. Instead, the participants are engaged in activities that have been carefully structured by the workshop presenters.

3. Procedure for Submission of Paper/Workshop Proposals

- A **150-200 word abstract** with a title not exceeding **12 words** and a **50 word** biodata should be sent no later than **15 October 2014**. Abstracts outside the word limit will not be accepted.
- The Conference Planning Committee will inform proposers by **15 November 2014** whether their proposals have been accepted. Presenters are required to confirm participation with payment of registration fees by **15 January 2015** and to register for the conference.

4. Criteria for Acceptance

All abstracts will be evaluated by the Conference Planning Committee. Relevance to the theme of the Conference and freshness and originality of approach are among the major considerations in the acceptance of papers. The Committee reserves the right to decline paper/workshop proposals without providing reasons.

5. Submission of Proposals for Parallel Papers/Workshops

The portal for the submission of Proposals for Paper/Workshops, is at:
<https://iceams.relc.org.sg/seminar/>

Conference Registration Fee

The registration fee for the 3-day conference is payable by all participants and parallel paper and workshop presenters. Registration will be confirmed only upon receipt of the Conference Registration fee which is non-refundable.

- Special 50th Anniversary Early Bird Fee: Up to 15 January 2015 : S\$395.00
- Fees from 16 January 2015: S\$415.00
- Fees from 16 February 2015: S\$450.00

The conference registration fee includes Goods and Services Tax, coffee breaks and lunches. Registration will close when capacity is reached.

Registration as Participants

The portal for registration as participants is at <https://iceams.relc.org.sg/seminar/participants/>

Draft Conference Programme

The draft conference programme will be available at the RELC website by 27 February 2015.

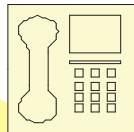
Accommodation

Participants are advised to book hotel accommodation at www.relc.org.sg or email: enquiry@relc.org.sg early as rooms are limited.

Enquiries



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