



BOGAZICI UNIVERSITY YADYOK 2024 - 2025 PDU NEWSLETTER 1

Dear All,

We hope this email finds you in good health. As we begin another exciting semester, we wanted to update you on a few important matters and share information about upcoming ELT events.

As we have all been informed, on 25th and 26th September we will have our Orientation Days, which will start with the General Faculty Meeting and continue with briefings about the PDU plans for the 2024-2025 academic year, group discussions on our takeaways from the EAQUALS report, guest speaker sessions and CC meetings. We will send you the Orientation Schedule once we confirm the exact dates and hours our guest speakers will be able to attend.

Soon we'll be sharing more details about the Erasmus exchange programs, including the institution(s) that we have mobility agreement with and the procedures to follow. Stay tuned for ways you can get involved in them.

In addition, we have some exciting ELT events, covering topics ranging from the use of AI to assessment. As the PDU, we wish to continue fostering professional growth within YADYOK, both individually and collectively. Below you can see the links to many webinars, a conference, and a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course). Please note that some sessions are recorded and sent to those who have registered. If you're unable to attend a live session, you might want to check if they provide the recordings afterward.

[Supporting Teachers to Implement AI Speaking Practice](#)

Thursday September 12, 8pm

[Stop Grading Essays, Start Grading Chats: Reimagining assessment](#) by AI for Education

Thursday September 12, 8.30 pm

[Unleashing Creativity: The Power of Play-Based Learning](#) by Trinity College

Wednesday 16 October, 6 pm

[Assessment as a learning tool – a range of practical options](#)

Thursday September 19, 6pm

[Prioritizing Student Engagement and Motivation](#)

Wednesday September 20, 7pm

[Creating and Implementing Online Courses MOOC](#) by OPEN (US Department of State)

Enrollment Closes: September 23, 2024

[World Teachers' Day 2024](#) a mini event by British Council

October 3-5

[EAQUALS Online Conference 2024](#)

Friday October 11 & Saturday October 12, 2024 (€25 for Eaquals members)

[All Access AI. Your updated ELT toolkit – because there's more than ChatGPT!](#)

By Helbling

Thursday October 17, 6 pm

PEARSON Webinar Series

Building Confidence in AI Skills for English Language Teaching

[Understanding AI framework: A Back to School guide](#)

Monday September 23, 6pm

[Navigating the challenges of AI literacy for educators](#)

Tuesday September 24, 6pm

[Is AI the magic solution for language testing?](#)

Wednesday September 25, 6pm

[AI-enabled language teaching and learning with Pearson](#)

Thursday September 26, 6pm

[Hacking ELT with AI: Teaching as prototyping](#)

Friday September 27, 6pm

IATEFL Events and Webinars

[PronSIG: pronunciation clinic with Robin Walker | iatefl.org](#)

Saturday, September 14, 2pm

[MAWSIG: \(R\)evolution of Video Tasks in ELT: New Horizons, Coursebook Realities
| iatefl.org](#)

Wednesday September 18, 6pm

[LTSIG: The floor is yours! | iatefl.org](https://www.iatefl.org)

1. Digital Synergy: Integrating CLT, TBLT, and Connectivism for Effective Online English Learning
2. AI in Teaching Writing: Balancing Benefits and Challenges in ESL Education

Friday September 20, 4pm

[ESPSIG: The Inverted ESP Classroom – fostering student engagement, critical thinking and information literacy skills | iatefl.org](https://www.iatefl.org)

Tuesday October 8, 8pm

On a last note, we would like to draw your attention to [The U.S. Department of State - American English](https://www.americanenglish.gov/) website, which provides a wealth of educational resources in the form of books, journals, webinars, and MOOCs.

For dozens of webinars and webinar slides on English Language Teaching, you can visit [AE Webinars](#)

For classroom activities and teaching ideas :

[English Teaching Forum](#) A Quarterly Journal for English Teachers (current and past issues available)

For materials to teach reading, writing, speaking, and listening:

[Teaching the Four Skills](#)

We wish to have a successful and fruitful year in a supportive and enriching environment.

Best,

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