Welcome Note

Dr. Eliza LAU
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The Conference on English and Communication aims at acclimatising our students to the academic community by providing an occasion for them to meet academics and engage in intelligent discussions. Our theme this year is 'English in the global classroom'. We have the honour of having the company of two distinguished guests as our keynote speakers – Professor David Nunan and Dr. Leo Hoye. I am pleased to announce the opening of this exciting event and excellent learning opportunity for our students. Apart from congratulating the participating students for their hard work, courage, and enthusiasm, I would also like to extend my gratitude to all the teachers who have been supporting the speaking teams as mentors and coaches. I wish this conference yet another memorable success.

Keynote Speakers

Prof. David NUNAN
Dr. Leo HOYE

Moderators

Ms. Eva LEUNG
Dr. Marjorie CHEUNG

Student Participants

Ms. CHAN Yee-Yan
Mr. LAU Chun-Pui
Mr. Wong Chun
Ms. Honey YU Tsz-Ying
Ms. Ursula TSOI Mei-Moon
Ms. Tiiffany TUNG Tin-Yan
Mr. Sam LEE Bing-Yin
Mr. Kevin HO Ka-Sing

Masters of Ceremony

Ms. Sierra LIN
Mr. Sean TSOI

Organizing Committee (in alphabetical order)

Ms. Janella CHAN
Dr. Marjorie CHEUNG
Ms. Eve HO
Dr. Eliza LAU
Mr. Kinwai LAU
Ms. Eva LEUNG
Ms. Mary LO
Mr. Tommy LUI
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Conference theme: English in the global classroom

Thursday, 30 April 2015
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
College Theatre
Kowloon East Campus



Rundown

6:00PM – Registration and Arrivals
6:30PM – Opening address (by Prof. L. S. Chan, College Principal)
6:35PM – First keynote presentation by Dr. Leo Hoye
7:05PM – Roundtable discussion with our students (moderated by Dr. Marjorie Cheung)
7:30PM – Floor questions
7:40PM – Second keynote presentation by Prof. David Nunan
8:10PM – Roundtable discussion with our students (moderated by Ms. Eva Leung)
8:35PM – Floor questions
8:45PM – Souvenir Presentation + Group photos
8:55PM – Closing remarks (by Dr. Eliza Lau, English Domain Coordinator)
9:00PM – End of conference + Dinner buffet begins

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Leo HOYE

Associate Professor
Centennial College



Keynote Presentation Topic

Whose English?:
'The English Effect' in a Global World and a Global Market.

This presentation looks at the impact of English, rather 'Englishes', in a global perspective. In his foreword to a report entitled The English Effect: The impact of English, what it's worth to the UK and why it matters to the world (2013), Mark Robson, Director of the British Council, writes:

> The English language is perhaps the United Kingdom's greatest and yet least-recognized international asset. It is a cornerstone of our identity and it keeps us in the mind of hundreds of millions of people around the world, even when they are not talking to us.

With a strong background in marketing and economics, Mr Robson's focus on the commercial benefits of arguably the UKs most prized commodity and cultural achievement is quite understandable. Yet, it does prompt the questions: Who has 'ownership' of English? Whose standards apply? This talk looks at such issues as: language standard or language standards; English-speaking countries versus the Rest of the World; the Native Speaker – bronze bust on a marble pedestal (or, Is England the face that launch'd a thousand Englishes? [pace Christopher Marlowe]); English as a necessary but not universally welcome lingua franca; Whose identities does Global English embrace? Salman Rushdie, the British Indian novelist and essayist, in this oft-quoted excerpt, writes:

> What seems to be happening [with English] is that those people who were once colonized by the language are now rapidly remaking it, domesticating it, becoming more and more relaxed about the way they use it – assisted by the English language's enormous flexibility and size, they are carving out large territories for themselves within its frontiers (Imaginary Homelands, Granta Books, 1992).

In light of Rushdie's observation, Who, if anyone, can be the Guardians of English? Who are the self-appointed Arbiters of what makes for 'Good' English? Where do the 'rights' and 'privileges' lie of those who would lay claim to ownership of English and hence their proprietary rights to oversee it? The place of English(es) in the world raises many contentious issues; it is hoped this talk will serve as a springboard for lively discussion!

Bio data

Before joining Centennial College, Leo was an Associate Professor in The Faculty of Education (English Language Education), HKU, moving later to The Faculty of Arts, School of Humanities (Linguistics), as Honorary Associate Professor. He teaches and researches in English Language, Communication, Multimodality, and Pragmatics. He has published widely and is now working on Pragmatics: The Basics (Routledge). Leo has worked with government and education agencies in France, Italy, Denmark, Romania, Czech Republic, Poland, and Chile.

Keynote Speaker

Prof. David NUNAN

Professor Emeritus
the University of Hong Kong



Keynote Presentation Topic

Revisiting the learner-centred curriculum

The concept of learner-centredness has had a major impact on my teaching since I first stepped into the classroom. In a learner-centred classroom, decisions about what to teach, how to teach and how to assess are made with reference to information by and from learners. In the classroom, learners are taught how to take responsibility for their own learning. While language content goals are important, learning process goals are also crucial. In this presentation, I will share some principles and techniques for activating a learner-centred classroom.

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David Nunan is President Emeritus at Anaheim University, California; Professor Emeritus of Applied Linguistics at the University of Hong Kong; and Professor in Education at the University of NSW. He held significant posts and was visiting professor for prestigious academic institutions in Asia, Australia, the US and Europe. He is Hong Kong International Literary Festival's current Co-Chair.
His over 100 published scholarly books and articles on teacher education, curriculum development, classroom-based research and the teaching of grammar in the communicative classroom include the major Go For TEFL textbook series that impacted globally with a record-breaking over three-billion copies sold.

His two-term service with TESOL Board of Directors, (as Member-at-Large and as President, the first ever for a non-North American) was followed by a nominated, continuing membership (via Executive Committee) of the Board of Trustees of The International Research Foundation for Language Education involvement since 2007.

His honors and awards cover: English language education service (US Congress citation, 2002); Heinle TESOL Lifetime Achievement Award (2003); lauded among 50 most influential Australians internationally (2005) and 100 most influential Australians in the business, educational and media fields (by Australian Prime Minister, 2006); dedicated a global research institute, David Nunan Institute for Language Education (Anaheim Anaheim University, 2008) and James Alatis Award for Service to the TESOL Profession (2015).

