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# Research into practice: Towards a data-driven curriculum

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One-day Virtual Conference  
23rd March 2022

# Programme

## Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March One-day Virtual Conference

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SESSION 1

04:00 - 04:15	<b>Conference Opening and overview of data-driven curriculum</b>
04:15 - 05:15	<b>National English Ability Assessment in Japan and possible repercussions for language teaching</b> <b>Ichikawa Nobuko and Shimizu Tomoaki</b> Senior Specialists for Academic Ability, Senior Curriculum Specialists, Department for Curriculum Development, Curriculum Research Center   National Institute for Educational Policy Research (NIER) of Japan
05:15 - 05:45	<b>Closing learning gaps in Singapore geography lessons</b> <b>TEO Yen Peng and Dr. LAM Wei Ling (Karen)</b> Assessment Specialists (Humanities and Aesthetics)   Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB)
05:45 - 06:45	<b>Round table: Data in Education - Challenges, opportunities and Solutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ichikawa Nobuko</b> Senior Specialist for Academic Ability, Senior Curriculum Specialist   NIER, Japan</li><li>• <b>Shimizu Tomoaki</b> Senior Specialist for Academic Ability, Senior Curriculum Specialist   NIER, Japan</li><li>• <b>TEO Yen Peng</b> Assessment Specialist (Humanities and Aesthetics)   SEAB, Singapore</li><li>• <b>Dr. LAM Wei Ling (Karen)</b> Assessment Specialist (Humanities and Aesthetics)   SEAB, Singapore</li><li>• <b>Dr. Suat Hoon Pee</b> Director of Academic Quality Unit and a Principal Academic Mentor   Singapore Polytechnic</li><li>• <b>Jun Huang</b> Data Scientist   Jobtech, Singapore</li><li>• <b>Nguyen Ho Thuy Anh</b> Education consultant, Vietnam</li></ul>
06:45 - 07:00	<b>Break</b>
07:00 - 07:30	<b>Curriculum Development and Review using Natural Language Processing</b> <b>Dr. Suat Hoon Pee</b> Director of Academic Quality Unit and a Principal Academic Mentor   Singapore Polytechnic <b>Jun Huang</b> Data Scientist   Jobtech, Singapore
07:30 - 08:00	<b>A case study of Implementation of curriculum innovation in English Language teaching at an elementary level in a school in Bien Hoa city, Dong Nai Province , Viet Nam</b> <b>Nguyen Ho Thuy Anh</b> Education consultant, Vietnam

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SESSION 2

08:15 - 08:30

**Introduction**

08:30 - 09:30

**The impact of the Foundation Program resource Data on the reformation of Curriculum and Assessment instruction**

**Dr. Ahmed Hamed AlRahbi**

Director | Nizwah University, Oman

09:30 - 10:00

**The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: Research into Practice Across the Disciplines**

**Prof. Christina Gitzaki**

Director - Center for Educational Innovation | Zayed University, UAE

10:00 - 11:00

**Round table: Data and Research in Higher Education**

- **Dr. Reem M. Al Qenai**

Assistant Professor | English & General Studies Department, Kuwait Technical College

- **Prof. Christina Gitzaki**

Director - Center for Educational Innovation | Zayed University, UAE

- **Dr. Philip Quirke**

Executive Dean - Faculty of Education | Higher Colleges of Technology, UAE

- **Darren Perrett**

Senior Performance and Sales Support Manager | Cambridge Assessment English

11:00 - 11:30

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SESSION 3

11:45 - 12:00

**Introduction**

12:00 - 13:00

**PISA Reporting**

**Miyako Ikeda**

Senior Analyst | OECD, France

13:00 - 13:30

**Classroom Research Impacting Curriculum Development: A Case Study**

**Dr. Philip Quirke**

Executive Dean - Faculty of Education | Higher Colleges of Technology, UAE

13:30 - 14:00

**Rating scales development and validation**

**Dr. Joaquín Cruz Trapero**

Coordinator of Language Test Design and Validation | Universidad de Jaén, Spain

14:00 - 15:00

**Round table: Cambridge Colloquium**

- **Dr. Nick Saville**

Director Research and Thought Leadership | Cambridge Assessment English

- **Dr. Hanan Khalifa**

Director, Education Transform & Impact | Cambridge Assessment English

- **Clare Williams**

Senior Assessment Manager | Cambridge Assessment English

- **Laura Grimes**

Senior Research Manager (Curriculum) | Cambridge Assessment English

- **David Bradshaw**

Senior Assessment Services Manager | Cambridge Assessment English

15:00 - 15:30

**A review of the university entrance exam in Madrid**

**Dr. Jesús García Laborda**

Dean of Education | Universidad de Alcalá de Henares, Spain

**Dr. Miguel Fernández**

Associate Professor | Linguistics Applied to Science and Technology, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain

15:30 - 16:00

**Break**

16:00 - 16:30

**Data and research in the Cambridge English Curriculum Framework**

**Clare Williams**

Senior Assessment Manager | Cambridge Assessment English

**Laura Grimes**

Senior Research Manager (Curriculum) | Cambridge Assessment English

16:30 - 17:00

**Debate as a teaching strategy in ELT**

**Dr. Letizia Cinganotto**

Researcher | INDIRE, Italy

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SESSION 4

17:30 - 17:45

### Introduction

17:45 - 18:45

### Fostering pedagogical innovation in a time of crisis

**Gisella Langé**

Foreign Languages Inspector | Ministry of Education, Italy

**Dr. Enrica Piccardo**

Professor in Applied Linguistics | OISE - University of Toronto, Canada

18:45 - 19:15

### Analysing learner language to inform the CEFR/CV descriptors: the FineDesc Project

**Dr. Belén Díaz Bedmar**

Deputy director | Centro de Estudios Avanzados en Lenguas Modernas, Universidad de Jaén, Spain

19:15 - 20:15

### Using data to improve the WIDA Consortium's ACCESS for ELLs assessment and its impact on policy in the United States

**Mark Chapman**

Senior Assessment Innovation Manager | WIDA, USA

**Gary Cook**

Senior Director of Assessment | WIDA, USA

20:15 - 21:15

### Round table

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21:30 - 21:45

### Closing

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