



Dhofar University
Foundation Program

1st International ELT Conference

Shaping New Understandings in ELT

Program

Day 1 • Thursday, February 17, 2022					
9:30-9:35 am	Opening Remarks Barbara Stasiuk				
9:35-9:40 am	National Anthem & Quran Recitation				
9:40-9:55 am	Welcome Address Faical Ben Khalifa <i>Foundation Program Director & Conference Chair, Dhofar University</i>				
10:00-10:45 am	Keynote Speaker Dr Dudley Reynolds <i>Senior Associate Dean of Education, Carnegie Melon University in Qatar</i>				
11:00-11:25 am	Concurrent Session 1	P1 Mohamad Abdullah <i>The flipped classroom model for learning speaking in English</i>	P2 Dr Ramadevi Sakhamuri <i>Strategies to improve ESL/EFL teachers' questioning skills</i>	P3 Dr Yasser Sabtan <i>Machine translation of MWUs in English</i>	W1 Greenal Burboz <i>Autonomy in language learning: A much-needed bottom-up approach</i>
11:30-11:55 am	Concurrent Session 2	P4 Dr Jamila Al Siyabi <i>Inclusive education for visually-impaired EFL students</i>	P5 Nathaniel Lotze <i>A lect-inclusive perspective on transfer</i>	P6 Thangadurai Kadarkarai Millie Paulose <i>A roadmap for enhancing quality learning</i>	
12:00-12:45 pm	Plenary Speaker Chris Sowton <i>Cambridge University Press</i>				
12:45-1:45 pm	Lunch				
1:45-2:30 pm	Plenary Speaker Nathan Waller <i>Macmillan Publishing</i>			Plenary Speaker Paul Woodfall <i>Oxford University Press</i>	
2:30-2:55 pm	Concurrent Session 3	P7 Dr Anfal Al Wahaibi Dr Victoria Tuzlukova <i>Teaching social responsibility in ELT</i>	P8 Rashida Iqbal Merin John <i>A student-centered approach to online speaking</i>	P9 Dr Thomas Baby <i>Relevance of flipped classrooms in the Covid-19 scenario</i>	W2 Shahieda Sallie Daniel Carman <i>PLCs: Benefits to students, faculty, and institutions</i>
3:00-3:25 pm	Concurrent Session 4	P10 Dr Jasmin Cowin <i>Metaverse Wheel: A digital trend visualization</i>	P11 Dr Sani Uba Dr Julius Irudayasamy <i>'Increase' or 'rise'? A corpus-based study of near-synonyms</i>	P12 David Williams <i>Implementing flipped classrooms in foundational English programs</i>	
3:30-4:15 pm	Keynote Speaker Prof Shehdeh Fareh <i>Language Institute Director, University of Sharjah</i>				

Day 2 • Friday, February 18, 2022

8:30-8:40 am	Announcements				
8:40-9:25 am	Keynote Speaker Dr Saleh Al Busaidi <i>Associate Professor of English, Sultan Qaboos University</i>				
9:30-9:55 am	Concurrent Session 5	P13 Kawthar Al Harrasi <i>Self-directed learning</i>	P14 Faical Ben Khalifa <i>Fighting stigma: Remedial tutoring vs supplemental instruction</i>	P15 Dr Moosa Sulaiman <i>Theory-practice gaps in developing critical thinking</i>	
10:00-10:45	Keynote Speaker Prof Ali S.M. Al-Issa <i>Full Professor of Critical Applied Linguistics, Sultan Qaboos University</i>				
10:50-11:15 am	Concurrent Session 6	P16 Dr Khadija Al Balushi <i>Omani EFL teachers' engagement in action research</i>	P17 Sheikha Al Marhoobi Sumaiah Islam <i>Task-based language teaching in Oman</i>	P18 Mahija Veetil Carmel Hankins <i>Teacher perspectives on online teaching</i>	P19 Dr Yaqoob Al Ghatrifi Dr Moza Al Malki <i>Post-lesson discussion</i>
11:20-12:05 pm	Plenary Speaker Dr Sabina Ostrowska <i>Cambridge University Press</i>				
12:05-1:00 pm	Lunch / Friday Prayers				
1:00-1:25 pm	Concurrent Session 7	P20 Dr Yasir Al Yafai <i>Challenges of online collaboration with student writing and revision</i>	P21 Amal Essa Hyder Al Mughrabi <i>Enhancing autonomous learning through flipping</i>	P22 Ahmad Al Ani <i>Variables in lexicogenetic recognition of loanwords in Arabic</i>	W3 Alena Slanchak <i>Games in the classroom</i>
1:30-1:55	Concurrent Session 8	P23 Dr Ehsan Sirjani <i>Attitudes toward usability of smartphones in language learning</i>	P24 Dr Asfiya Khan Dr Reema Srivastava <i>ESP under the hyflex model of teaching and learning</i>	P25 Mohamed Achamsi Rashida Iqbal <i>Student mentors, motivation, and leadership</i>	
2:00-2:25 pm	Concurrent Session 9	P26 Muna Muqaibal <i>Spaced practice using CALL in vocabulary learning</i>	P27 Dr Muhammed Chalikandy <i>EFL teachers' grammar: A qualitative study</i>	P28 Dr Abduljalil Hazaea Sultan Al Mekhlafy <i>Discourse comprehension in EFL contexts</i>	
2:30-3:15 pm	Keynote Speaker Dr Maddalena Taras <i>Associate Professor of Education, University of Sunderland</i>				
3:15-3:30 pm	Closing				