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Oxford Teaching Seminar 2009

Presenters and Presentation Abstracts

■ Angela Buckingham (Oxford University Press) *Renewing Students' Passports to Survival English*

The Japan-specific *Passport Second Edition* is now ready with new editions of this bestselling series just published. Japanese students typically have few opportunities to use English outside the classroom and can feel hindered by a lack of confidence in speaking out in class. The presenter will demonstrate ways in which the material can be used to promote dynamic communication in your classroom, preparing learners for a trip overseas.



Bio: Angela Buckingham is a very experienced teacher, teacher trainer and materials developer in the field of EFL. Her areas of expertise particularly lie in English for Specific Purposes. She is the co-author of the Japan-specific bestselling *Passport* series and *At Your Service* for students of travel and tourism as well as a series advisor for *Business Venture Third Edition*.

■ Grant Trew (Oxford University Press) *Practical business English for low-level learners*

Business English is often regarded as a high-level activity, however the majority of Japanese business people are relatively low-level. Understanding that meeting the needs of low-level learners can be a challenge, this presentation will analyze the requirements and realistic expectations of such students, then outline a systematic approach to helping them develop practical business English skills, vocabulary, and cultural knowledge. This will be illustrated with example activities taken from the new *Business Venture Third Edition*.



Bio: During his 20 years in Japan, Grant Trew has been a teacher, teacher trainer, course coordinator for a large language school, testing and evaluation consultant and writer of ELT materials. He is a series advisor for *Business Venture Third Edition* and the author of the bestselling *Tactics for TOEIC®* books published by Oxford University Press.



■ Dr. Sue Garton (Aston University) *Teacher beliefs in TESOL: Identifying some patterns*

In recent years, there has been a growing interest in the complex interrelationship between teachers' beliefs about teaching and learning, teacher education and classroom practice. This talk will show how the beliefs of a group of EFL teachers, while undoubtedly complex, can be seen to follow two broad orientations. We will also consider the potential significance of these orientations as the basis for a more effective integration of personal beliefs about teaching and learning into teacher education programmes.

Bio: Sue Garton is Academic Director of the Centre for English Language and Communication at Aston University. She has a particular interest in language teacher education, classroom interaction and research methodology. Her most recent publications are *Professional Encounters in TESOL: Discourses of Teachers in Teaching*, with Keith Richards (Palgrave Macmillan) and *From Experience to Knowledge in ELT*, with Julian Edge (Oxford University Press).

■ Andy Boon (Toyo Gakuen University) *The research process: To find what one is looking for*

In this short workshop, participants are encouraged to formulate or bring along research questions to work on. They will be introduced to Cooperative Development (Edge, 1992) and Instant Messenger Cooperative Development (Boon, 2005, 2007, 2009), a non-evaluative international framework for supporting peer reflection, exploration and expansion of ideas and discovery. Through undertaking a Cooperative Development session it is hoped that members will leave the workshop with a much clearer, solid understanding of their individual research plans and how they would like to proceed with them.

Bio: Andy Boon is an Associate Professor at Toyo Gakuen University and an Aston University PhD student. He has published articles on teacher development, motivation and methodology.

Pre-registration

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Osaka Tue, 17th Nov

18:40-20:40, doors open 18:30

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- 10 min. from JR Osaka Sta.
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Nagoya Wed, 18th Nov

18:40-20:40, doors open 18:30

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Sakae Gas Building 5F, Dai kaigi shitsu

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Tokyo Thu, 19th Nov

In association with Aston University, Toyo
Gakuen University, and JALT West Tokyo

18:00-21:10, doors open 17:50

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Dr. Sue Garton, Andy Boon

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1-26-3 Hongo Bunkyo-ku Tokyo

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