



38th Thailand TESOL International Conference
Digital Literacy in English Language Learning and Teaching

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The Empress Hotel

Chiang Mai, Thailand

Thailand TESOL currently invites all those working in the field of English Language Teaching or related areas to submit an abstract for the 38th Thailand TESOL International Conference on January 26 – 27, 2018 at The Empress Hotel Chiang Mai, Thailand. The theme of the conference is “***Digital Literacy in English Language Learning and Teaching.***”

We welcome presentations, workshops, and poster sessions from all aspects of the “**Digital Literacy in English Language Learning and Teaching**”. Not only do we wish to explore ELT in Thailand, but also in Asia and across the globe in the age of 21st-century literacies. Our goal is to stage a forum for in-depth discussions, a day of inquiry and critical engagement that will promote effective classroom practices for the benefit of English language learners as well as to provide opportunities for English language teaching professionals to exchange their teaching experiences, and innovative teaching approaches and techniques. Researchers, university faculties, school teachers, students, and administrators from any discipline or department who want to learn and share about using and implementing digital tools to enhance English language teaching and learning are welcomed. Proposals addressing the conference theme will receive first consideration.

Rationale

The movement of digital literacies has been greatly accentuated among native and non-native English speaking countries especially in Asia. Thailand as well embraces the challenges of this phenomenon in the mainstream education. Therefore, language educators are not only initiating effective classroom practices or integrating diverse teaching pedagogies, but also enhancing a quality of teachers and educators for this drastic change.

Within the context of globalization and fast growing technologies, language classrooms should be a venue for teaching and learning more about the technology aspects and promoting critical communicators. A communicator who is able to use the target language in culturally appropriate ways. Issues of digital literacies and critical literacy should be discussed and promoted in EFL/ESL classroom learning in the 21st century. It is a means to making ELT learners more powerful/empowered language users.



Therefore, central issues of English language learners in the digital age or Information Technology era are not about the mastery of language knowledge, it is about how to encourage learners to take part in the international communities. Thus, should the question be posed to language educators, “How should a language program provide a learning environment conducive to the change in Information Technology community?, How can innovation in learning technologies enhance English language teaching and learning quality? and What challenges do teachers face in using the technologies in their practices?”.

This conference therefore hopes to manifest multi-faceted aspects of digital literacies and language teaching and learning, and to share what is beyond the professional, significantly influencing teachers' personal life. These are to positively encourage any in the field of ELT to continuously walk in the colorful pathways towards professional excellence.

Objectives

The aims of the Thailand TESOL 2018 conference are:

- 1) To offer a scholarly platform for both Thai and international teachers/educators, from pre-service teacher trainees to veterans, to reflect on their ideas about “Technology, *Digital Literacies and English Education*” in order to enhance their understanding of 21st century literacies of ELT;
- 2) To promote and disseminate new research contributions and information about teachers’ experiences in order to strengthen teaching and learning in current and future classrooms for teachers, teacher educators, and policy makers;
- 3) To foster and enhance discussion, reflection and network-building that will assist professional teachers to more fully participate as integrated members of their respective home countries’ English language teaching communities.

Presentations

Presenting at Thailand TESOL is an opportunity for all English language teachers and educators to take an active role in the teaching profession, to share knowledge, and to learn from the experiences and challenges of others. We welcome and invite presentations on any aspect of the theme including, but not limited to, the following ELT fields:

- Digital Literacy and Language Learning
- Computer- Assisted Language Learning (CALL)
- Social identity
- Translingual Practices of Language Learners
- Culture/ Intercultural Issues
- Critical Literacy and ELT



- Web-Based Distance Learning
- Interactive Hypermedia and Computer-Mediated Communication
- Mobile Teaching and Learning
- ELT and Social Media
- Technologies and Teacher Development
- Blended Learning in ELT
- Critical Pedagogy and Language Teaching
- ELT Professional Development
- Literature/ Translation
- Linguistics/ Applied Linguistics
- Bilingual Education
- Curriculum/Materials Development
- Assessment/Testing
- Transformation of English Language Teaching
- Others

Poster sessions should be non-commercial. The poster addressing the conference theme will receive first consideration. They can be also based on classroom projects, suggested lesson plans, reports on English camps, etc.