

ELT CONFERENCE - 11TH EDITION

30TH & 31ST OF OCTOBER, 2025

HUMANIZING EDUCATION IN THE AGE OF AI: EMPOWERMENT, EMOTION, AND INNOVATION











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October 30th, 2025

Registration/Opening Ceremony/Welcome Coffee Break

12.20 - 13.00

Plenary Talk 1: Positive Education for Beginners George Kokolas Express Publishing Room - A2

13.00-13.40 Plenary Talk 2:

Balancing Minds and Machines: Finding the AI Sweet Spot in Learning Dr. Robert Stroud Hosei University, Tokyo, Japan Room - A2

13.50 7 WAYS TO USE EMOJIS IN YOUR CLASSROOM 15.10 Dragana Vasilijević-Valent ELTA Serbia Hook, Engage, Inspire: Dynamic Lesson . Starters

Presentations (40 minutes)

Nadejda Bacimanova

The Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova

Presentare (80 minute)

Psihologie, Psihoterapeut integrativ,

Doctorand în psihologie, Autor de carte

Workshop (80 Minutes)

Teacher-Monster: How to Befriend Your Students Natalia Ciuntu Theoretical Lyceum Davinci

Room - A2

Workshop (80 Minutes)

AI in Education: the worst thing that could happen in Education Moderator: Andrei Fiodorov TerraNova English Language Centre

Students' Debates

Room - Sala mediateca

Round Table discussion with Students

15.40 17.00 Provocările sănătății mintale în era tehnologiilor informaționale Stefan Popov Presedinte Centrul de Cercetări Stiintifice în

Burnout - In Depth Adriana Vasilachi PITL "N. lorga" and PITL "M. Grecu", Chisinau, Moldova

Room - A1

AI and sustainability **Harry Waters** Renewable English, Spain

Room - Sala mediateca

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10.00-11.40 Plenary Talk 2:

		Plenary Talk 2: Cultivating Changemo Harry Waters	skers	
10.50 12.10	Talks (20 minutes)	Workshop (80 Minutes)	Workshops (80 minutes)	
	Building Meaningful Educational Resources: 3 Tools + 1 Teacher (explanation: presenting a vocabulary workbook) Xenia lordache Public Instruction Theoretical Lyceum Stefan Vodă Bookr SDG Heroes Daniela Murguleţ FELT School Association Room - A1	Less Stress, More Success: Supporting Anxious Language Learners in the Classroom Dr. Robert Stroud Hosei University, Tokyo, Japan <u>Room - A2</u>	Building Tomorrow Together: Student Engagement for a Better Society Bob Earlie Educational Management consultant, Ireland Room - Sala mediateca	Insight Visit: Understanding the Cambridge Exam Journey Iulia Popova Responsabil Cambridge Assessment English authorised centre - Profesor de limba engleză Alliance Francaise
	Lunch/Coffee Break			
	Workshop (80 Minutes)	Workshop (80 Minutes)	Workshop (80 minutes)	
13.00 14.20	One Classroom, ManyLearners: The Art of Mixed-Ability teaching - Application on the Wilson Series ANCA MOCANU <u>Hamilton House</u> <u>Room - A1</u>	Communicative Skill - the invisible tool that turns dreams into reality Natalia Efros High School Magdacesti Room - Sala mediateca	Crafting Character through Language Learning George Kokolas Express Publishing Room - A2	Teach and Tackle the New TOEFL Together Andrei Fiodorov TerraNova English Language Centre
14.30 15.10	Plenary talk 3: The 'Y' in Hype: AI vs. A-why Rob Howard ATEL Reland			

IATEFL Poland Room - A2





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12.20 Key-note talk

POSITIVE EDUCATION FOR BEGINNERS

IN MY PRESENTATION, I WILL EXPLORE HOW POSITIVE EDUCATION OFFERS PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR OVERCOMING NEGATIVE FEELINGS AND DEMOTIVATION IN THE CLASSROOM. RATHER THAN THEORETICAL PLATITUDES, I WILL PROVIDE INSIGHTS INTO THE SCIENTIFIC FRAMEWORK THAT EMPOWERS BOTH TEACHERS AND STUDENTS TO THRIVE. ATTENDEES WILL ENGAGE WITH HANDS-ON POSED ACTIVITIES AND UNDERSTAND THAT POSITIVE EDUCATION IS SOMETHING TO BE EXPERIENCED, NOT JUST TAUGHT, MAKING IT RELEVANT TO THEIR TEACHING CONTEXTS.

KEY-NOTE SPEAKER:



GEORGE KOKOLAS

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KEY-NOTE TALK

BALANCING MINDS AND MACHINES: FINDING THE AI SWEET SPOT IN LEARNING

TAKEAWAYS:

- AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT 'LEARNING' NOW MEANS
FOR STUDENTS AND WHAT THE RESEARCH SAYS
ABOUT THE IMPACT OF AI ON LEARNING
- A DISCUSSION OF THE COMMON CHALLENGES THAT
BOTH STUDENTS AND TEACHERS NOW FACE IN AN AIDRIVEN LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
- PRACTICAL APPROACHES TO ENSURING THAT AI USE
IS WELL-BALANCED TO PROTECT CRITICAL THINKING
AND GROWTH DURING LEARNING

ROBERT STROUD

HOSEI UNIVERSITY, TOKYO, JAPAN





DRAGANA VASILIJEVIĆ-VALENT

TEACHER TRAINER/EDUCATOR, ELTA SERBIA

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PRESENTATION

7 WAYS TO USE EMOJIS IN YOUR CLASSROOM

THE NOTION OF DIGITAL EMPATHY WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THE BEGINNING, FOLLOWED BY 3 WEB RESOURCES ON EMOJIS AND 7 DIFFERENT IDEAS FOR CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES. DURING THE SECOND PART OF THE WORKSHOP, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO GROUPS TO DESIGN THEIR OWN CLASSROOM ACTIVITY. THE NOTION OF DIGITAL EMPATHY WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THE BEGINNING, FOLLOWED BY 3 WEB RESOURCES ON EMOJIS AND 7 DIFFERENT IDEAS FOR CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES. DURING THE SECOND PART OF THE WORKSHOP, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO GROUPS TO DESIGN THEIR OWN CLASSROOM ACTIVITY.



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PRESENTATION

HOOK, ENGAGE, INSPIRE: DYNAMIC LESSON STARTERS

THE BEGINNING OF THE LESSON IS CRUCIAL TO HELPING STUDENTS PERCEIVE AND RETAIN INFORMATION AND MAKING THEM FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE AND SAFE IN THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. WARM-UP ACTIVITIES MAKE STUDENTS REFLECT ON PREVIOUS CONTENT AND BE READY TO MOVE ON TO NEW INFORMATION. THEY ALSO HELP WITH BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS, A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF BOTH TEACHER-STUDENT AND STUDENT-STUDENT INTERACTIONS. THERE ARE A LOT OF STRATEGIES THAT CAN HELP GET A CLASS GOING WITHOUT WASTING TIME AND THAT GET ALL THE STUDENTS ENGAGED AND READY TO LEARN. THE PRESENTATION INCLUDES A NUMBER OF FUN CLASSROOM WARM-UP ACTIVITIES TO TRY OUT IN CLASS.



NADEJDA BACIMANOVA

THE ACADEMY OF ECONOMIC STUDIES OF MOLDOVA



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WORKSHOP

TEACHER-MONSTER: HOW TO BEFRIEND YOUR STUDENTS

EVER FEEL LIKE YOUR STUDENTS SEE YOU AS THE CLASSROOM MONSTER? THIS FUN AND INSIGHTFUL SESSION WILL HELP YOU TRANSFORM THAT PERCEPTION BY BUILDING TRUST, CONNECTION, AND MUTUAL RESPECT. DISCOVER PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR CREATING A POSITIVE CLASSROOM CULTURE WHERE STUDENTS FEEL SEEN, HEARD, AND VALUED. THROUGH HUMOR, REFLECTION, AND REAL-LIFE STORIES, LEARN HOW TO SHIFT FROM "SCARY TEACHER" TO TRUSTED ALLY—AND MAKE YOUR CLASSROOM A PLACE STUDENTS LOVE TO BE.



NATALIA CIUNTU

META ADMIN BOARD MEMBER, EFL TEACHER DAVINCI LYCEUM



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DEBATES

AI IN EDUCATION: THE WORST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN IN EDUCATION

JOIN US FOR A DYNAMIC AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING STUDENT-LED DEBATE THAT CHALLENGES ONE OF THE MOST PRESSING QUESTIONS OF OUR TIME. IS AI REVOLUTIONIZING EDUCATION FOR THE BETTER — OR RISKING EVERYTHING THAT MAKES LEARNING HUMAN? STUDENTS WILL ARGUE BOTH SIDES OF THE MOTION, EXPLORING THE POTENTIAL DANGERS, ETHICAL DILEMMAS, AND TRANSFORMATIVE POSSIBILITIES OF AI IN THE CLASSROOM.



ANDREI FIODOROV

TOEFL INSTRUCTOR





STEFAN POPOV

-PREȘEDINTE CENTRUL DE CERCETĂRI ȘTIINȚIFICE ÎN
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-PSIHOTERAPEUT INTEGRATIV
-DOCTORAND ÎN PSIHOLOGIE
-AUTOR DE CARTE

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WORKSHOP

PROVOCĂRILE SĂNĂTĂȚII MINTALE ÎN ERA TEHNOLOGIILOR INFORMAȚIONALE

ÎNTR-O LUME DIN CE ÎN CE MAI DIGITALIZATĂ, IMPACTUL TEHNOLOGIEI ASUPRA SĂNĂTĂȚII MINTALE DEVINE TOT MAI EVIDENT. ACEASTĂ PREZENTARE ÎȘI PROPUNE SĂ ADUCĂ ÎN PRIM-PLAN PROVOCĂRILE EMOȚIONALE, COGNITIVE ȘI SOCIALE GENERATE DE UTILIZAREA INTENSĂ A TEHNOLOGIILOR INFORMAȚIONALE, ATÂT ÎN RÂNDUL ELEVILOR, CÂT ȘI AL CADRELOR DIDACTICE. VOM EXPLORA FACTORI DE RISC, SEMNALE DE ALARMĂ ȘI STRATEGII PRACTICE PENTRU PREVENIREA ȘI GESTIONAREA EFECTELOR NEGATIVE, PROMOVÂND ECHILIBRUL ÎNTRE VIAȚA DIGITALĂ ȘI BUNĂSTAREA PSIHICĂ.



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WORKSHOP

BURNOUT - IN DEPTH

THE PURPOSE OF MY PRESENTATION IS TO INTRODUCE THE PHENOMENON OF BURNOUT, ITS CAUSES, RISKS, SYMPTOMS & ITS CONSEQUENCES. THEN, WE WOULD USE THE THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE, PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE IN AN INTERACTIVE MANNER.



ADRIANA VASILACHI

PITL "N. IORGA" AND PITL "M. GRECU", CHISINAU, MOLDOVA





HARRY WATERS

RENEWABLE ENGLISH, SPAIN

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ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION

AI AND SUSTAINABILITY

AS THE WORLD FACES URGENT ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES, THE INTERSECTION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY OPENS POWERFUL NEW POSSIBILITIES — AND CRITICAL QUESTIONS. THIS ROUND TABLE BRINGS TOGETHER EXPERTS, EDUCATORS, AND INNOVATORS TO EXPLORE HOW AI CAN SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, FROM OPTIMIZING ENERGY USE AND REDUCING WASTE TO PROMOTING GREEN EDUCATION AND ETHICAL INNOVATION.

- HOW CAN AI BE HARNESSED RESPONSIBLY TO BUILD A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE?
- WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF AI-DRIVEN SOLUTIONS IN ENVIRONMENTAL CONTEXTS?
- HOW CAN EDUCATION EMPOWER THE NEXT GENERATION TO LEAD IN THIS SPACE? JOIN THE CONVERSATION AND BE PART OF SHAPING A FUTURE WHERE

TECHNOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY GO HAND IN HAND.



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KEY-NOTE TALK

CULTIVATING CHANGEMAKERS

IT'S A PLENARY PRESENTATION AIMED AT HELPING TEACHERS EMPOWER THIER STUDENTS TO BECOMING CHANGEMAKERS



HARRY WATERS

RENEWABLE ENGLISH, SPAIN



IORDACHE XENIA

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION THEORETICAL LYCEUM STEFAN VODĂ

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TALK

BUILDING MEANINGFUL EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES: 3 TOOLS + 1 TEACHER (PRESENTING A VOCABULARY WORKBOOK)

THIS PRESENTATION INTRODUCES MY ENGLISH FOUNDATIONS – A2 LEVEL WORKBOOK, A RESOURCE CREATED TO SUPPORT MEANINGFUL AND EFFECTIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING. IT FOCUSES ON HOW THE WORKBOOK BLENDS STRUCTURED PEDAGOGY, COMMUNICATIVE AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING, AND DIGITAL AS WELL AS INTERCULTURAL ELEMENTS.

THE AIM IS TO DEMONSTRATE NOT ONLY WHAT THE WORKBOOK CONTAINS, BUT ALSO HOW IT CAN BE INTEGRATED INTO DIVERSE CLASSROOM CONTEXTS. SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE TEACHER'S ROLE AS THE GUIDE

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WHO ADAPTS AND PERSONALISES THESE TOOLS FOR LEARNERS.
ULTIMATELY, THE PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS HOW THIS WORKBOOK
EMPOWERS STUDENTS TO BUILD CONFIDENCE, COMPETENCE, AND
CURIOSITY IN THEIR LANGUAGE LEARNING JOURNEY.



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TALK

BOOKR SDG HEROES

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PRESENTATION IS TO FAMILIARISE TEACHERS WITH THE BOOKR DIGITAL LIBRARY AND ITS INNOVATIVE LITERACY PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT BOTH TEACHERS AND STUDENTS. BY INTEGRATING INTERACTIVE BOOKS WITH FOLLOW-UP DIGITAL ACTIVITIES, THE PLATFORM NOT ONLY CHECKS COMPREHENSION BUT ALSO MOTIVATES STUDENTS TO CONTINUE READING WITH CURIOSITY AND IOY.

PROJECT BOOKR SDG HEROES, WHICH CONNECTS LITERACY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS), ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO SEE THEMSELVES AS CHANGEMAKERS FOR A BETTER WORLD.
THROUGH THIS PROJECT, TEACHERS WILL GAIN ACCESS TO READY-MADE DIGITAL RESOURCES, PRACTICAL CLASSROOM TOOLS, AND EXAMPLES OF HOW TECHNOLOGY CAN ENRICH GUIDED READING. BY JOINING THE PROGRAM, THEY WILL NOT ONLY ENHANCE THEIR TEACHING PRACTICE BUT ALSO EMPOWER THEIR STUDENTS TO BECOME CONFIDENT READERS AND GLOBALLY MINDED CITIZENS.

TEACHERS FROM MOLDOVA ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE



DANIELA MURGULEȚ

FELT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



ROBERT STROUD

HOSEI UNIVERSITY, TOKYO, JAPAN

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WORKSHOP

LESS STRESS, MORE SUCCESS: SUPPORTING ANXIOUS LANGUAGE LEARNERS IN THE CLASSROOM

TAKEAWAYS:
- INSIGHT INTO THE EMOTIONAL AND COGNITIVE ROOTS OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE ANXIETY (FLA) AND HOW IT AFFECTS LEARNER CONFIDENCE, PARTICIPATION, AND LONG-TERM LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

- EXPLANATIONS OF STRUCTURED PLANNING METHODS, SCAFFOLDING TECHNIQUES, AND AI-BASED TOOLS THAT CAN HELP CREATE LOW-STRESS, HIGH-ENGAGEMENT LANGUAGE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

- ACTIONABLE STRATEGIES TO REDUCE FLA AND NURTURE STUDENT SELF-CONFIDENCE, PAVING THE WAY FOR STRONGER COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND DEEPER LANGUAGE LEARNING



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WORKSHOP

BUILDING TOMORROW TOGETHER: STUDENT ENGAGEMENT FOR A BETTER SOCIETY

THIS DYNAMIC AND INSPIRING SESSION EXPLORES HOW EDUCATORS CAN EMPOWER STUDENTS TO BECOME ACTIVE, RESPONSIBLE CONTRIBUTORS TO THEIR COMMUNITIES. THROUGH PRACTICAL STRATEGIES, REAL-WORLD EXAMPLES, AND COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSION, TEACHERS WILL LEARN HOW TO FOSTER DEEPER STUDENT ENGAGEMENT THAT GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM—ENCOURAGING CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY, EMPATHY, AND A SHARED VISION FOR A BETTER SOCIETY. JOIN US TO DISCOVER HOW ENGAGING STUDENTS TODAY BUILDS A BRIGHTER TOMORROW FOR ALL.



BOB EARLIE
EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT
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IULIA POPOVA

RESPONSABIL CAMBRIDGE ASSESSMENT ENGLISH AUTHORISED CENTRE - PROFESOR DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ



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STUDY VISIT

INSIGHT VISIT: UNDERSTANDING THE CAMBRIDGE EXAM JOURNEY

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THIS EXCLUSIVE VISIT OFFERS TEACHERS A BEHIND-THESCENES LOOK AT AN AUTHORISED CAMBRIDGE EXAM
CENTRE IN ACTION. GAIN FIRST-HAND INSIGHT INTO THE
EXAM DAY PROCESS, CANDIDATE EXPERIENCE, AND
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES. THE SESSION IS
DESIGNED TO DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF HOW
CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH EXAMS ARE CONDUCTED, HELPING
YOU BETTER PREPARE AND SUPPORT YOUR STUDENTS FOR
SUCCESS.



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WORKSHOP

ONE CLASSROOM,
MANY LEARNERS: THE
ART OF MIXEDABILITY TEACHING
- APPLICATION ON
THE WILSON SERIES

IN THIS WORKSHOP, I WILL DELVE INTO THE CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES OF TEACHING MIXED-ABILITY CLASSES, EMPHASISING THE IMPORTANCE OF RECOGNISING EACH STUDENT'S UNIQUE ABILITIES, INTERESTS, AND LEARNING STYLES. THROUGH INSIGHTFUL THEORIES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS, I AIM TO INSPIRE EDUCATORS TO CREATE INCLUSIVE AND MOTIVATING LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS.



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TEACH AND TACKLE THE NEW TOEFL TOGETHER

STAY AHEAD OF THE CURVE!

THIS INTERACTIVE SESSION BREAKS DOWN THE LATEST CHANGES TO THE TOEFL EXAM—WHAT'S NEW, WHAT'S GONE, AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR BOTH TEACHING AND TEST-TAKING. WHETHER YOU'RE GUIDING STUDENTS OR GEARING UP TO TAKE THE TEST YOURSELF, YOU'LL LEAVE WITH PRACTICAL TIPS, UPDATED RESOURCES, AND A CLEAR PATH TO TOEFL SUCCESS IN 2025.



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WORKSHOP

COMMUNICATIVE SKILL -THE INVISIBLE TOOL THAT TURNS DREAMS INTO REALITY.

THE PURPOSE OF MY PRESENTATION IS TO EXPLORE THE CONCEPT OF COMMUNICATIVE SKILL WITHIN ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONTEXT, EMPHASIZING ITS ROLE IN DEVELOPING LEARNERS' ABILITY TO INTERACT EFFECTIVELY AND AUTHENTICALLY IN DIVERSE COMMUNICATIVE SITUATIONS. IT AIMS TO PROVIDE TEACHERS WITH PRACTICAL STRATEGIES, CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES, AND ASSESSMENT TOOLS THAT FOSTER SPEAKING, LISTENING, INTERACTION, AND NEGOTIATION OF MEANING, IN LINE WITH COMMUNICATIVE LANGUAGE TEACHING PRINCIPLES.



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HIGH SCHOOL MAGDACESTI





GEORGE KOKOLAS

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WORKSHOP

CRAFTING CHARACTER THROUGH LANGUAGE LEARNING

THIS SESSION EXPLORES THE SHIFT FROM ACADEMIC FOCUS TO HOLISTIC CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT IN EDUCATION, USING THE SELIGMAN AND PETERSON FRAMEWORK. EDUCATORS ARE EMPOWERED TO CULTIVATE RESILIENCE AND PERSONAL GROWTH BY RECOGNIZING AND NURTURING STUDENTS' CHARACTER STRENGTHS. EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON TEACHER SELF-REFLECTION, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS, AND PRACTICAL CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES THAT ENHANCE AWARENESS AND POSITIVE INTERACTION AROUND CHARACTER STRENGTHS.



OCTOBER 31ST, 2025 14.30

KEY-NOTE TALK

THE 'Y' IN HYPE: AI VS. A-WHY

TO GET TEACHERS TO THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF AI. LEARN HOW NEW RESEARCH PROVES THAT THE HYPE IS JUST THAT... HYPE.

KEY-NOTE SPEAKER:



ROB HOWARD

IATEFL POLAND



