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Speaker and Panellist Profiles

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Symposium Chairperson and Moderator

John Knagg

John Knagg helps educational authorities, universities and schools develop and implement their language policies, especially English Language Teaching and English Medium Education. He was global Head of Research and Consultancy and Head of English for Educational Systems for the British Council. He was also Chair of Accreditation UK, the United Kingdom's quality assurance and inspection system for the teaching of English, with over 400 accredited universities and institutions, a member of the editorial panel and advisory board of the ELT Journal of Oxford University Press, and a Trustee of The International Research Foundation (TIRF). He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences, and a graduate of Oxford and Edinburgh Universities.
Symposium Speakers and Panellists

DU Yujin

DU Yujin is an Associate Researcher, and also the Deputy Director of the Center for Faculty Development and Faculty’s Affairs Department of the Party Committee of Nankai University. He has long been engaged in the construction of faculty base and faculty training for higher education, heading, for example, multiple faculty training projects in cooperation with the HEA, British Council, Stanford, Nature and many other international educational institutions.

Stuart Perrin

Professor Stuart Perrin, Associate Principal of XJTLU Entrepreneur College (Taicang) of Xi’an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU). He is responsible for developing the XJTLU Entrepreneur College (Taicang), which is part of a new and unique campus that XJTLU is developing in Taicang. In addition to developing seven new industry-themed schools, Stuart is also exploring the university’s unique Syntegrative Education model within the new campus. Professor Stuart Perrin was appointed the first Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (PFHEA) in mainland China.
Gene Thompson

Gene Thompson is an Associate Professor from the Department of Global Business at Rikkyo University, which offers a bilingual business degree that allows students to take 70% of their content lectures in English. Gene is the Deputy Director of the Bilingual Business Leader program, where he coordinates content-integrated EMI support courses. His recent research focuses on English medium instruction, with a particular interest in L2 learner self-beliefs, and factors influencing EMI success. He has published in journals such as Studies in Higher Education, Language Teaching Research, and the International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism.

Dr WU Ge

Dr WU Ge is the Deputy Director of Academic Affairs Office, Jiangnan University. He is the Professor of Econometrics, Trade and Environment courses, and specialises in the study of world economy and environmental sustainable development. Dr Wu is responsible for practical teaching management in the Office of Academic Affairs.
Dr Carole MacDiarmid

Dr Carole MacDiarmid has worked in EAP at the University of Glasgow since 2003, prior to which she taught and trained in Istanbul, Turkey in EFL, ESP and EAP. At Glasgow she co-leads and lectures on the masters in TESOL programmes, including the Teaching EAP (TEAP) online postgraduate course. She has been an assessor for the BALEAP Accreditation Scheme (BAS) since 2009, was involved in the working party which developed the TEAP Fellowship (Individual) Accreditation Scheme and is a BALEAP Senior Fellow, Mentor and Assessor. Her research and scholarship interests include EAP Teacher Development, Spoken Academic Discourse and TESOL Methodology.

Conrad Heyns

Conrad Heyns joined Goldsmiths, University of London in 2016 after periods at the University of the Arts London and the London School of Economics. He has particular interests in intercultural communication, the student experience and quality assurance within Higher Education institutions. He is currently an inspector for four different schemes: The BALEAP Accreditation Scheme (BAS), the Evaluation and Accreditation of Quality Language Services (Eaquals), the International House World Organisation (IHWO) and CELTA teacher training (Cambridge English). He is currently the Chair of BAS. He is also a judge for the British Council ELTons and the English Speaking Union Duke of Edinburgh Awards.