

The 10th ELC International Conference

Converging & Diverging Paths: ELT in a Changing Environment

**24-26 April 2020
Shantou, China**



The English Language Center of the College of Liberal Arts, Shantou University, is pleased to announce that it is accepting proposals for the 10th edition of its Biennial ELT International Conference to be held in Shantou, Guangdong, China from the 24th to the 26th of April 2020.

In alternating years, the English Language Center of Shantou University brings together hundreds of ELT professionals from many countries for fruitful discussions on their research results and teaching experiences. English teachers, trainers, curriculum developers, specialists in the didactics of ELT, researchers and many others gather to share their experiences in diverse realms of English language teaching and learning. Spanning three days, the conference provides a unique platform for innovative ideas and new voices. It also offers excellent opportunities to meet with prominent ELT theorists, including distinguished guest plenary speakers from top universities in China, Australia, Canada and the UK.

Conference Theme

The theme for the Conference is **Converging & Diverging Paths: ELT in a Changing Environment**. Economic growth and globalization result in higher demands for ELT at all levels of education. English becomes increasingly important not only as a fundamental tool for global interconnectedness but also for the overall formation of students. ELT teachers and researchers rise to the challenge by implementing innovative policies and curriculums, developing fresh approaches to assessment, modernizing teacher training, incorporating the latest technological developments and more. Meanwhile, research in pedagogy, linguistics, psychology and neurology yields a plethora of new conceptions that promote a reassessment of previously fixed principles and dogmas, thus provoking productive conflicts of ideas. The conference aims to offer a high-level academic forum for debate on these diverging conceptions and a proper place to find their points of convergence.

Conference Subthemes

To encourage a scholarly dialogue about the issues below and others, the Organising Committee of the 10th Biennial ELT International Conference welcomes original research papers, classroom (best practice) papers, workshops and poster presentations addressing issues that are relevant to, but are not limited to the following strands:

- ELT policies and curriculum design
- ELT and global competence
- ELT methods and pedagogy
- Language testing and assessment
- ELT teacher education and cognition
- Content and language integrated learning
- Technology-enhanced ELT
- Learner needs and autonomy
- ELT and critical literacies
- ELT and translation

Submission Guidelines

- Each presenter/participant must register online.
- The presenter should submit a proposal online. Each presenter may submit only one proposal for the conference.
- Title of presentation: no more than 20 words.
- Proposal: 200-300 words, written in a single paragraph.
- Bio statement of the presenter(s): 80-100 words.

Special Remarks

- The working language of this conference is English.
- Paper presentation: 20 minutes + 5 minutes for questions and answers.
- Workshop/poster presentation: 90 minutes.
- Colloquium session: 90 minutes. 3-4 presentations that address one conference strand.

Selection Criteria

All proposals will be blind reviewed and selected by the Academic Review Committee based on relevance to the conference theme, originality, quality, and contribution to ELT. The Committee reserves the right to edit all the submitted proposals.

Important Dates and Deadlines

- Deadline for proposal submission: 22 November 2019
- Notification of acceptance: 2 December 2019
- Online registration deadline: 15 December 2019
- Early bird payment deadline: 10 January 2020
- Online payment deadline: 1 March 2020.
- Posting of the Conference Program: 6 April 2020

- * **Early bird registration fee:**
700 RMB/ 98 USD
- * **Standard rate: 1000 RMB/140 USD**
- * **Student rate: 500 RMB/ 70 USD**

(If you encounter any problems processing the payment online, please contact the conference organising committee.)

Confirmed Invited Speakers (in alphabetical order)

- **Professor Xuesong (Andy) GAO:** The University of New South Wales, Australia
- **Professor Daguo LI:** The University of Reading, the UK
- **Professor Angel M. Y. LIN:** Simon Fraser University, Canada
- **Professor LIU Jianda:** Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, China
- **Professor Jian-E PENG:** Shantou University, China
- **Professor Willy A RENANDYA:** Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- **Professor WANG Haixiao:** Nanjing University, China

Contact Information

- Email Address: elcconf2020@stu.edu.cn
- ELC website: <http://elc.stu.edu.cn> Conference Website: <https://elc.stu.edu.cn/conf2020/>