Language Assessment Conference 2023 - Agenda

Conference Theme

Innovations in English Language Assessment

Date

8 – 9 May 2023

Venue

Princess Nourah Bint Abdul Rahman University (PNU), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

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Time	Activity	Details
08.30 -09.30	Registration	Participants go to registration desk
09.30 -10.00	Opening & Housekeeping	British Council + Saudi TESOL
10.00 -11.00	Plenary 1	**Making sense of specific-purpose language assessment** Dr John Pill, Lancaster University
11.00 -12.00	Interactive Panel Discussion 1	**Language Learning and Assessment in Local Context** *Government's strategy for language learning and assessment* *Challenges for language learners* *Transnational English language assessment practices in the age of metrics* *How vision 2030 links with language learning and assessment* *Panel Chair:* Michael King *Panel members: Dr Abdullah Albargi, Ghada Alshehri, Dr Hanoof Alkasham, Dr Othman Barnawi, Dr Ruqayya Moafa, Sultan Ayash*
12.00 -13.00	**Prayer + Tea Break + Networking**	
13.00 -14.00	Plenary 2	**Robots have no intelligence; they're here to help us. Let's welcome them.** *Dr Ardeshir Geranpayeh, United Kingdom*
14.00 -14.30	Plenary 3	**In a world of Metaverse, AI and Cyber security – Let's not forget the human at the heart of Change!** *Saima Satti & Andriani Papapericleous, British Council*
14.30 -15.00	British Council Case Study 1	**British Council Tokyo University of Foreign Studies Test of Speaking for Japanese universities (BCT-S)** *Dr Johanna Motteram, British Council*
15.00 -16.00	**Lunch**	

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09.30 -10.00	Opening & Housekeeping	British Council
10.00 -11.00	Plenary 4	**Test item writing: Current trends and future directions** Dr Olena Rossi, Italy
11.00 -12.00	Interactive Panel Discussion 2	**Language Learning and Assessment in Local Context** *New trends in language learning and assessment* *Local Assessment Practices and vision 2030* *What needs to be changed for effective language learning and assessment?* *Panel Chair: James Shipton* *Panel members: Dr Ahmed Nuriddin, James Lasak, Khatuna Tavartkiladze, Dr. Mansoor Al Malki, Dr. Sahar Al Zahrani, Dr. Hessah Aba-alalaa*
12.00 -13.00		**Prayer + Tea Break + Networking**
13.00 -14.00	Plenary 5	**Technology in Assessment: Then, Now and the Future** Paul Muir, *Surpass Assessment*
14.00 -14.15	Saudi Arabia Case Study 1	**Aptis Exam and the Royal Commission for Yanbu Colleges and Institutes: Connecting the Dots** *Dr. Othman Z. Barnawi, Dr Saeed Alkahtani & Dr. Wael Alharbi, Royal Commission for Yanbu Colleges and Institutes, Saudi Arabia*
14.15 -14.30	Saudi Arabia Case Study 2	**Achieving with APTIS – a Success Story from Saudi Arabia** *John Mackinlay, BAE Systems SDT, Dammam, Saudi Arabia*
14.30 -15.00	British Council Case Study 2	**Workplace Literacy and Numeracy (WPLN)** *Dr Johanna Motteram, British Council*
15.00 -15.10	Closing	British Council
15.10 -16.10		**Lunch**

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