



Transcending Boundaries in Glocalized ELT Field: Trends and Implications

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Abstract:

The 21st century higher education field is diverse, complicated, multifaceted and glocal. Such diversity and complexity are also reflected in the recent changes in English language teaching (ELT) in higher education system in North American and many parts of the world. Recent educational innovations have focused on cross boundary, cross-disciplinary collaborations and the integration of soft skills in curriculum and instruction. In this talk, the speaker will share major trends in the higher education and implications for curriculum reform and pedagogical approaches in English language teaching and learning in Asia.

About the speaker:



Dr Yilin Sun, Director of English Language Centre of University of Macau, received her Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics/Curriculum & Instruction, from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE)/University of Toronto, Canada and her BA in English Literature and Pedagogy from Central China Normal University in 1981. She served as President of TESOL International Association (2013-2016). TESOL International Association is the largest international professional association of its kind in the world. This is the first time in TESOL's 50 years history that an Asian nonnative English speaking female ELT professional served as president of TESOL. She also served as Chair of the

Affiliate Leadership Council of TESOL in 2007 and President of Washington Association for the Education of Speakers of Other Languages (WAESOL) in 2003 and 2007.

Dr Sun has over 29 years of experience in the field of TESOL as a MA-TESL teacher trainer, a researcher, a classroom teacher, and a program leader with a variety of higher educational institutions in China, Canada and U.S.A. In 2011-2012, Dr Sun worked as a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Taiwan coordinating the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Education Program and teaching TESOL graduate courses as a Visiting Professor at the National Taiwan Normal University. She is also an English Language Specialist for the U.S. Department of State and has conducted teacher training workshops in many countries including Cambodia, China, South Korea, Laos, Russia and Thailand.

Yilin is the author of books, book chapters and research papers in refereed professional journals including *TESOL Quarterly* and *TESOL Journal*. She is also a frequent presenter at national and international ELT conferences as a keynote and/or featured speaker.

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