

Session for faculty staff (1)

Date & Time: Nov. 3 / 13:10-15:00

Venue: H418

Title

Enhancing English-medium teaching and learning through 'Language Responsive Education'

Abstract

Language underpins all school and university teaching and learning; it is the medium through which formal academic content is taught, and the means through which teachers manage the classroom and support students' learning. Thus, understanding and being able to use the language(s) of their education is essential if students are to fully engage with the curriculum. In this talk, we will focus on how 'Language Responsive Education' can support students as they transition to and study within EMI contexts. The talk will examine how ideas about translanguaging and multilingualism can be developed to support both students' English language development and their learning of academic subject content in English-medium classrooms. It will review background ideas and arguments, suggest practical classroom approaches, and provide opportunities for audience reflection and discussion.

Session for faculty staff (2)

Date & Time: Nov. 5 / 13:10-15:00

Venue: H418

Title

English and Englishes in the world: current trends, possible futures, and potential implications for Taiwan

Abstract

This talk will explore recent developments in English language education around the world, and speculate about the (possible) future of English. It will investigate the implications of these trends for the teaching and learning of both English and academic subject content through the language (i.e. EMI). Thus, the talk will ask whether English 'native-speaker' influence and norms are becoming less important around the world; examine the rise of Englishes (i.e. varieties of English) and English as a lingua franca; and explore the development and increasing acceptance of multilingual pedagogies. It will provide opportunities for audience discussion as we reflect on possible implications for educational contexts in Taiwan.