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9.30 ■ Welcome – Robert Sherman, OUP Educational Consultant

9.45 ■ Introduction – Carmen Argondizzo, AICLU President, *Associazione Italiana Centri Linguistici Universitari*

Jean M. Jimenez, Coordinator of the Degree Course in Linguistic Mediation, *Department of Culture, Education and Society*, Università della Calabria

10.00 ■ **From the Classroom to the Real World** – Denis Delaney

11.00 ■ Coffee Break and Materials Exhibition

11.30 ■ **The Teacher Story and the Curiosity Factor** – Jamie Keddie

12.30 ■ **Empowering Learning: Leveraging AI for Language Success** – Elisa Ronchi

13.00 ■ Closing Remarks

SPEAKERS

From the Classroom to the Real World

Making the transition from the English language classroom to the English-speaking world is challenging for students and the gap between these two realities may seem wide. In this talk, we will explore classroom activities that narrow the gap and make students more 'real world ready'. We will also consider the importance of encouraging students to develop a 'real world' mindset which helps them to become English language learners not only inside but also outside the classroom.

Denis Delaney was born in Dublin, Ireland, where he graduated from University College Dublin with a degree in Linguistics. He taught English in Italy for almost twenty years and is now actively involved in teacher training. He and Philippa Bowen have written several best-selling language courses published by Oxford University Press and their new scuola media course New Step Up will be available in Italy in 2024.

The Teacher Story and the Curiosity Factor

One thing that fascinates human beings is other human beings and it is the narratives and interaction between each other that enables us to learn and develop not only core language proficiencies, but also develop life skills, promote critical thinking and foster active citizenship. But in order to engage learners we first have to arouse their curiosity. In this practical session, we will explore some of the techniques that create the Teacher story and enable us to grab the attention of our students, and then how to apply these in the classroom.

Jamie Keddie is a teacher, trainer, author and storyteller. He is the founder of LessonStream – a community of teachers with a passion for using story to engage students. He is the author of 'Images' (Oxford University Press 2009), 'Bringing Online Video into the Classroom' (Oxford University Press 2014) and 'Videotelling: YouTube Stories for the Classroom' (LessonStream Books 2016). Jamie is also an affiliate trainer at Norwich Institute for Language Education (NILE) in the UK.

Empowering Learning: Leveraging AI for Language Success

In this talk we will explore the transformative potential of artificial intelligence (AI) and delve into how its innovative integration can inspire and motivate students. Discover how AI technologies can be implemented to enhance the learning experience and foster motivation and academic achievement. Join us on a journey towards redefining education through the thoughtful implementation of AI, unlocking new possibilities for learners in and out of the classroom.

Elisa Ronchi is a passionate language professional with an international background, a degree in foreign languages and several years of experience as English Teacher and Communication Specialist. She currently serves as Digital User Success Consultant for Oxford University Press educating on the effective use of OUP's digital products and services.

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