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Artificial Intelligence in English Language Teaching: Preparing for the Future

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The discussion around how AI will impact every field of human activity has gained traction and urgency following the recent developments in conversational AI, such as ChatGPT and similar large language models (LLMs). These, in turn, have led to the release of other AI-powered tools that can rapidly generate language, images, and computer code with remarkable ease.

There is increasing recognition that 'These emerging technologies present immediate - as well as far-reaching - opportunities, challenges and risks to education systems'(UNESCO, 2023). However, 'In the specific case of Artificial Intelligence applied to the field of education, the body of research and recommendations is somewhat limited and the issue needs to be better explored···'(UNESCO, 2022).

Artificial Intelligence promises to reshape how we teach, learn and assess English. It offers new possibilities for enhancing our practice, but also raises ethical and practical questions. How is artificial intelligence being used for English language teaching (ELT/L) and learning globally? Where is the research being conducted and with who? Will ELT be impacted more than other disciplines? What are the opportunities, issues, and challenges? How can we deploy this technology effectively and responsibly in our field?

Join us for a stimulating session, as we delve into this rapidly evolving landscape. You will hear the latest findings from our first-of-its-kind research on AI in ELT and discuss the practical implications for us as teachers and teacher educators.

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Biography

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