Oral fluency in teaching English for academic purposes

Programme

This workshop aims to raise awareness about the importance of oral fluency in teaching and assessment in an EAP context, and to evaluate the attention paid to promoting oral fluency in materials writing, textbook design and classroom teaching. After discussing some recent research findings in this area, the workshop will provide practical ideas and examples of classroom practices that can be used to help promote learners' oral fluency.

1:30 pm Arrival, mingle and welcome

2:00 pm Introduction to the workshop; a brief discussion of oral fluency and its importance

2:45 pm Promoting fluency in language classroom; practical ideas and classroom practices

3:30 pm Coffee / tea / water break

3:55 pm Promoting fluency through materials and textbooks; practical ideas and designing relevant activities

4:40 pm Discussion and Round Up

5:00 pm Close (and option of drinks at the University of Reading's Park House Bar)

Speakers:

Professor Parvaneh Tavakoli Biography

Joan McCormack (Associate Professor) Biography