

Talks and Workshops (2016/2017: semester 2)

We are delighted to announce that the LATE Lunches talks/workshops are now part of the HaSS Research Seminar Series.

15/02/17 – University of Strathclyde – room LH104 – 4pm

Speaker 1: Dr Tita Beaven, Senior Lecturer of Spanish at The Open University.



Title: Teaching languages online on a massive scale: lessons from running a programme of massive open online courses in Spanish and Italian

The Open University is currently running two programmes of moocs (massive open online courses) in Spanish and Italian on the FutureLearn platform. Each programme consists of six four-week courses, and are aimed at learners at A1 level of the CEFR. The first Spanish course had nearly 30,000 active learners.

In this presentation, I will discuss the pedagogical design of the moocs, provide a snapshot of the learners, and point to some of the challenges of teaching on such a massive scale. I will also provide an overview of the research we are conducting on the moocs in the areas of growth mindset, motivation, and peer assessment.

Who is Tita?

Tita Beaven is a Senior Lecturer in Spanish at The Open University, UK. She holds a doctorate in educational technology from The Open University, and her research and pedagogical interests are in the areas of open education, language learning and technology, and intercultural communication.

You can follow Tita's twitters on @TitaBeaven

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08/03/17 – University of Strathclyde – room LH104 – 4pm

Speaker 2: Xabier San Isidro, Education Adviser of the Spanish Consulate General in Edinburgh.



Title: CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) tasks for the SFL (Spanish as a Foreign Language) – or other languages – classroom

After quite a few years of implementation, the CLIL approach (Content and Language Integrated Learning) used for teaching and learning ELE (Spanish as a Foreign Language) as well as other languages is present in educational systems half way around the world. In this workshop, we will deal with different ways of approaching the learning of or through additional languages. By means of real examples of tasks integrating other contents, we will try and answer the question ‘can we introduce contents from different areas in the additional language classroom?’

Xabier San Isidro has worked for 20 years as a teacher, as a consultant and as a teacher trainer. He was the Foreign Language Adviser at the Galician Department of Education, where he was in charge of managing and implementing programmes related to multilingualism and curricular development. Until 2014 he was also the director of the Teacher Training Department of CIL-Lekaroz, Linguistic Innovation Centre (Navarre). He holds a BA in English Philology, a BA in Portuguese Philology and an MA in Applied Linguistics. As a researcher, Xabier is working on CLIL in multilingual settings at the University of the Basque Country.

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