



Call for Papers
TESOL-SPAIN 43rd Annual National Convention
Salamanca, 6 – 8 March 2020

I am writing to you on behalf of TESOL–SPAIN to give you information about our 2020 convention **Breaking barriers: make it happen, make it matter!** to be held at the Facultad de Filología, Universidad de Salamanca from Friday, March 6th to Sunday, March 8th 2020.

Our world is becoming increasingly complex and the survival of the human race largely depends on our ability to put our knowledge into action. By being aware of the powerful forces that contribute to modern life, including the emergence of Artificial Intelligence with its unforeseeable impact on our lives, we can act as agents of change but this agency needs to be reflected in effective 21st century education.

Students must be prepared for the demands of this “brave new world” by learning useful and relevant knowledge, skills, character qualities and learning strategies. In a classroom, these dimensions are all intertwined and effective learning is a rich blend of elements from all of them. However, we face many challenges as educators and the barriers to education are still many and varied and the perceived vulnerability of certain social groups requires timely solutions to overcome the problems our students are confronting.

Therefore, reaffirming the right to education of every individual, enshrined in the 1948 Declaration of Human Rights and renewing the commitment of the World Conference on Special Needs Education held in Salamanca in 1994, TESOL–SPAIN welcomes presentations which deal with creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, communication and cooperation, ICT literacy, multilingualism and multiculturalism, special educational needs and inclusive practices as well as those which are of wide general interest for language teachers working in different sectors and with students of all ages.

The convention offers participants a wide range of presentations by national and international speakers. Our confirmed plenary speakers for 2020 are **Dr. Judit Kormos** (PhD, SFHEA, National Teaching Fellow, Professor of Second Language Acquisition, Director of Research, Department of Linguistics and English Language Lancaster University), **Dr. Sarah Mercer** (Head of ELT at the University of Graz Deputy Head of the Centre for Teaching and Learning, Director of the Doctorate Programme for language teaching research), **Dr. Daniel Xerri** (Lecturer Centre for English Language Proficiency, University of Malta, Ph.D. in Education, University of York) and **Lindsay Clandfield** (award-winning writer and international speaker in the field of English language teaching).

The conference is attended by a wide variety of EFL professionals: teachers from infant, primary and secondary schools, EOLs, universities, technical schools and academies as well as teacher trainers, materials writers, and course planners, who will undoubtedly benefit from the expertise of specialists in the field of inclusive practices and special educational needs. Publishers, ELT researchers, members of exam boards, and national and international authors also take part in the convention.



TESOL–SPAIN offers several grants for speakers and students. Among these are the First–time Speaker Grant and the Robin de Andrés Grant, which is awarded for presentations related to primary or secondary education in Spain. The Professional Development Grant was created to help unemployed teachers of English living in Spain to attend the annual convention. The Student Grant is for students living and studying in Spain who wish to attend. Finally, the TESOL–SPAIN Global Grant for speakers from Africa, Asia and Latin America was set up to help English teachers from these parts of the world to attend the TESOL– SPAIN convention. Please visit <http://www.tesol-spain.org> for more information.

Please visit <http://www.tesol-spain.org> for more information. To submit your Presentation Proposal Form online, follow this link: <http://www.tesol-spain.org/en/pages/11/speakers.html> Submissions will be accepted from June 1st to October 15th 2019.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

We would also like to remind you that contributions to our e–Newsletter are always welcome. You can find more information on our website: <http://www.tesol-spain.org/en/pages/4/publications.html> or contact Rebecca Place at Tesolspainpublications@gmail.com

Best wishes,

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