

IATEFL PronSIG PCE Liverpool 2013
Monday 8 April 2013 10.00 – 17.00 ACC Hall 14

English as a Lingua Franca (ELF)

The concept of English as a Lingua Franca is not new, and research into ELF has been going on for over 15 years. *Speak Out!*, the PronSIG newsletter, published research findings as long ago as 1996. In '*Changing pronunciation priorities for successful communication in international contexts*' Jennifer Jenkins gave us a first glimpse into how an ELF approach to pronunciation might work.

But what has happened since then? Has later research proven Jenkins' initial ideas to be wrong? Do academic research findings have any direct consequences for what we do in the classroom? Can ELF pronunciation actually be taught? And if it can, what do we teach, what models do we use, which techniques should we employ, and how do we plan or assess outcomes?

This PCE will answer these questions, both at a theoretical level, and in terms of classroom practice for teachers and trainers. Specifically the PCE will look at:

- Accent, intelligibility, & priorities.
- Using the learner's L1 phonology.
- Accommodation for ELF pronunciation.
- Planning & assessment.
- Costs and benefits of an ELF approach to pronunciation.

Whatever your position on ELF, by the end of the PCE you will be better informed about the principles involved, and be in a stronger position to relate to wider issues arising from the globalisation of English.

Speakers

Robin Walker is the author of *Teaching the Pronunciation of English as a Lingua Franca* (OUP, 2010) and editor of *Speak Out!*

Grzegorz Spiewak is Head ELT Consultant for Macmillan Poland. An expert on pronunciation, he contributed the section on Polish in *Teaching the Pronunciation of English as a Lingua Franca*.

Mark Hancock is the author of *Pronunciation Games* (CUP 1995) and *Pronunciation in Use* (CUP 2003, 2012), among other well-known ELT titles. Mark is a regular contributor to *Speak Out!*

Timetable

10.00	Welcome
10.10	Talk: Accent, intelligibility & priorities (Robin Walker)
11.00	Break
11.30	Workshop: Using the learner's L1 phonology (Grzegorz Spiewak)
13.00	Lunch
13.45	Workshop: Accommodation for ELF pronunciation (Mark Hancock)
15.15	Break
15.40	Talk: Planning & assessment (Robin Walker)
16.20	Round Table: Costs and benefits of an ELF approach
17.00	Close

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Or come to our SIG Day on Tuesday 9 April 2013 where we will have the following speakers: Mark Hancock, Sascha Euler, Piers Messum, Barry Cusack, Richard Cauldwell and Annette Ure Weje.

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