

VOICES FROM WITHIN - A HELTA MEMBERS' DAY

Full Programme

1000 – 1100

Pronunciation is a two way street

(Plenary provided by Oxford University Press)

Dr. Catherine Walter

When you say 'pronunciation', most teachers think 'speaking'. But pronunciation is about listening, too: learners can often make themselves understood if their pronunciation is not perfect, but if they don't understand what they hear, they are in real trouble. I will explore aspects of English pronunciation that is worth teaching for listening, and show how pronunciation is taught in the *Navigate* series from OUP.

About Catherine: Catherine Walter is a researcher, teacher educator and materials writer. She is the co-author with Michael Swan of the Oxford English Grammar Course, and the series Adviser for the OUP course series *Navigate*. Catherine lectures in Applied Linguistics at the University of Oxford, and is the convenor of Oxford's distance MSc in Teaching English Language in University Settings. She is also the Vice Principal of Linacre College, Oxford. In 1993, Catherine became the first female president of IATEFL, and she has remained active in the organisation.

1110 – 1135

The Character of the English Language

Dr. Kimberly Crow

What do we know about the character of the English language - of any language for that matter? How does language reflect the socio-cultural aspects of communication? Reflecting on and understanding these aspects, which extend beyond vocabulary and grammar, substantially contribute to successfully learning a language.

About Kimberly: Dr. Kimberly Crow has been a language and culture consultant since 2003. As a German-American social scientist she has developed an approach to language that reaches beyond vocabulary and grammar. To find out more, go to www.crow-consulting.de

1140 – 1205

**BEC? CIOL? PET? CAE? CPE? FCE? EFB? SEFIC? IELTS? TOEFL?
TOEIC? FSK?**

Sandra Stapela

Which of the multitude of external exams is right for your learners of English? Whether you teach for a private language school, a company (or companies) or for the Hamburg school system, deciding which language exam is best / most useful / most suited to your learners' needs can be a bit daunting. I hope to bring a bit of light to the subject in a short presentation on what's available in Hamburg.

About Sandra: Sandra Stapela has just finished an almost 40-year-long stint as teacher of foreign languages – three teaching German and Spanish in Spencer, Iowa (USA) and 36 in Hamburg, teaching English, Business English, ESL and German for migrants at the Staatliche Fremdsprachenschule für Medien und Kommunikation. She is an examiner for the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce and local secretary for the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Her new "hobby", after passing the Chartered Institute of Linguists Diploma in Translation, is translating from German into English.

1205 - 1235

Lunch