

The advent of digital technology and hypermedia has deeply affected our culture and the way knowledge and expertise is shared and handed over from one generation to the next. E-books, are slowly subsuming the printed format as the preferred vehicle for reading, and the Web has become one of the primary sources of information, which interconnects its users globally.

These changes have had a strong impact on education publishing too, both in terms of a reconceptualisation of traditional school books, and in terms of the new challenges for the education publishing industry. TESOL Italy (the non-profit association of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages and a qualified training agency for MIUR) and the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures of Roma Tre University have organised a round table discussion on these topics, with a focus on the future of textbook publishing and the impact of digital media on education.



Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages in Italy

## ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION



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*Round table chair:* **Enrico Grazzi** (Roma Tre University and TESOL Italy's past President).

*Speakers:*

- **Roberto Baldassari** (Executive vice President of Istituto Piepoli and contract teacher at Roma Tre University).
- **Claudia Rebesani** (Board of Directors of INDIRE - Istituto Nazionale di Documentazione, Innovazione e Ricerca Educativa).
- **Lucia Staccone** (Sistema Bibliotecario di Ateneo - Università degli Studi Roma Tre)

**Please, confirm your participation by March 31, 2014**

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# New Directions in Online Publishing

Rome, April 10, 2014  
03:30/06:00 p.m.

Sala Conferenze Ignazio Ambrogio  
via del Valco di San Paolo, 19

# PROGRAM

03:30 p.m.

PARTICIPANTS' REGISTRATION (free entrance. Subscribing to TESOL Italy will be possible for those who would like to join the association. 2014 membership dues: € 25,00).

04:00 p.m.

WELCOME ADDRESS:

**Beth Ann Boyle**, President of TESOL Italy  
**Giuseppe Grilli**, Head of the Dept. of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures of the Roma Tre University

**Enrico Grazzi**, round table chair

04:15 - 05:15 p.m.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: NEW DIRECTIONS IN ONLINE PUBLISHING

**Roberto Baldassari**, *Scuola e Nuove Tecnologie per l'apprendimento e Opinione Pubblica italiana*

**Claudia Rebesani**, *Digital textbooks versus printed schoolbooks: is this the real challenge for education in the 21st century?*

**Lucia Staccone**, *La pubblicazione scientifica in rete: il ruolo di Roma TrE-Press*

05:15 - 05:30 p.m.

COFFEE BREAK

05:30 - 05:55 p.m.

OPEN DEBATE

05:55 - 06:00 p.m.

CONCLUSION

The event is open to TESOL Italy members. For those who are not members for the current year, a free provisional membership will be issued. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

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