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The TESOL Italy Val d'Adige Local Group

cordially invites you to a seminar on:

“Narrative Approaches to ELT”

hosted by

The Language Centre at the University of Trento

Whether a literary masterpiece, a personal story, or a vulgar joke, narratives are central to the human experience. They are the scaffolding upon which individual and collective memories and identities are socially constructed. Although ‘narrative’ as a concept is traditionally connected with written texts, narratives have always been predominantly communicated orally with the aid of nonverbal signs and signals. With the advents of mass media and internet and communication technologies, our capacity for producing and reproducing narratives has expanded exponentially over the past one-hundred years. Narratives today not only participate in intersubjective, intertextual, and intermedial discourses, but can be designed to appeal to all senses simultaneously and can be instantaneously transmitted and received across multiple media. In addition to learning how to comprehend and compose written and oral texts, global citizens of the 21st Century must acquire literacies for interpreting and creating digital, multimodal, and transmedia narratives across languages and cultures. With all this in mind, the aim of this seminar will be to explore perspectives on using narratives in contemporary ELT. Using a broad working definition of narratives as “anything that tells a story”, experts based in Italy, Austria, the UK, and the US will share their own approaches to using graded readers, ballads, drama, autobiographical writing, digital narratives, and singing and dancing to teach and learn the English language.

THE DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS MARCH 30.

Friday - 13 April 2018

13:00 – 19:00

Aula 108

Dipartimento di Lettere e Filosofia

Università degli studi di Trento

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The event is open to TESOL Italy members. For those who are not TESOL Italy members for the current year, a free, one-time **provisional** membership card will be issued. Conditions of this card will be explained onsite by the local group coordinator. **All participants will receive a certificate of attendance.***

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Schedule of Events

13:00-13:30 – Registration

13:30-14:00 – Welcome and Introduction - Michael Ennis (TESOL Italy, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano)

14:00-14:30 – Valentina Bamber (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Middlesmoor English Courses, UK) – *Interactive Storytelling: Scaffolding Affordances for Both Young Learners and their teachers*

14:30-15:00 – Gloria Park (Indiana University of Pennsylvania) – *Autobiographical Writing in English Language Teaching and Teacher Education*

15:00-15:30 – Coffee Break

15:30-16:00 – Grit Alter (University of Innsbruck) – *Multimodal and Transmedia Texts in the EFL Classroom*

16:00-16:30 – Ellen Gilberti (University of Pennsylvania) – *Drama in the Classroom: The “Bravo From Page to Stage” Approach*

16:30-17:00 – Nathan Blackshaw (Pearson Education) – *Amazing Readers: An Extensive Reading Project for Schools*

17:00-17:30 – Coffee Break

17:30-18:00 – Marina Morbiducci (La Sapienza University of Rome) – *Teaching Bob Dylan’s Never Ending Tale*

18:00-18:30 – Ariella Uliano & Renzo Frontoni (Artists/Teachers based in London) – *That Which We Call a Rose - Shakespeare & Nature*

18:30-19:00 – Roundtable Discussion and Closing Remarks – Catherine Riley (TESOL Italy, University of Trento)

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