PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Saturday 7 December @ Yokohama National University

9:00 – 13:00

EYE-TRACKING COLLOQUIUM

Eye-tracking technology in language assessment research
With invited speaker Dr Vahid Aryadoust (National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)
This colloquium will be a half-day event, consisting of a keynote talk, paper presentations and a panel discussion covering innovative uses of eye-tracking technology in language testing research.

9:00 – 17:00

ONLINE TEACHING & LEARNING

Best practice for teaching and learning in online environments
With Neenaz Ichaporia (British Council India)
This workshop explores effective teaching of English speaking and writing in online environments, raising participants' awareness of appropriate pedagogy and best practice. Participants will explore using online tools to maximise students' opportunities for language production, keep them motivated and engaged, and to give useful feedback on performance.

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STATISTICS: MEASURING THE UNOBSERVABLE

Introduction to latent variables and factor analysis using Mplus
With Dr Karen Dunn (British Council) and Janina Iwaniec (University of Bath, UK)
Often the type of information in which we are most interested in education are the things that we cannot observe directly, such as student motivations, aptitude or ability. Factor analysis is commonly used to analyse such data. This workshop introduces participants to exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis (EFA and CFA) including both theory and hands-on practice. No prior experience necessary.

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