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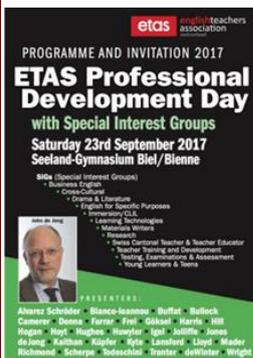
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ETAS e-Newsletter



ETAS PD Day 2017: Resgistration is now open!



Sign up now for this year's ETAS Professional Development Day and take advantage of the **Early bird rate!** 35 dynamic workshops packed with ready-to-use tips, valuable information and lively discussions are awaiting you at the **Seeland-Gymnasium in Biel/Bienne on 23rd September.**

Our plenary speaker will be **John de Jong**, Professor of Language Testing at the VU University in Amsterdam and director of Language Testing Services. He is an expert on empirical scaling of language abilities. At Pearson he developed the Pearson Test of English Academic and the Global Scale of English and led the framework development for PISA 2015, 2018 and PISA for Development.

For more information on the PD Day including a detailed programme and a link to the registration see [here](#).

Call for Papers: ETAS Annual Conference 2018

The **34th ETAS Annual Conference and AGM 2018** will take place in the wonderful town of **Zofingen** in the heart of Switzerland. Save the date: **20th and 21st January 2018!** Submit now your proposal for a workshop or talk at this very popular annual event! For more information see [here](#).

Call for Papers: ETAS Summer Journal 2018

ETAS Journal invites submissions for its Special Supplement on **'Beyond Swiss Borders: ELT around the world'**, Summer Edition 2018. Please submit your contribution by **15th October 2017**. For detailed information please see [here](#).

Wanted: Conference Venues for ETAS Events

We are currently looking for venues for our upcoming 2018 PD Day / 2019 Annual Conference and need your help.

- Does your school have an Aula, Mensa, 10-15 classrooms for workshops and ample space for our publishers' exhibition?
- Is your school easily accessible by road and rail?
- And are there hotel accommodations located near your school?

If all of the answers to these questions is YES, we'd love to hear from you. In exchange for your help, ETAS would be happy to offer free / discounted packages to you and your school for attendance to these conferences.

Please contact [Urs Kalberer](#) or [Choreanne Frei](#) for additional information.

Herbert Puchta's Plenary talk on the ETAS Video Channel

The latest upload on the [ETAS Video Channel](#) is Herbert Puchta's ETAS Conference plenary talk on *Personalisation, responsibility and response-ability with teens and young adults* (sponsored by Cambridge University Press). Herbert explains that brain research reveals why teenagers and some young adults are prone to risk-taking and irresponsible behaviour, yet have amazing potential for cognitive development and social adaptability. Using this knowledge, he then goes on to discuss how to help them speak competently and confidently. A *must* for teachers of that age group!

Upcoming ETAS Events

Widen your professional Horizon with ETAS!



St. Gallen, Saturday, 16th September **Teaching and Recycling Vocabulary for all CEFR Levels**

Graham Workman will look briefly at theories of learning and remembering vocabulary, then focus on providing numerous examples of practical materials and ideas for teaching and learning vocabulary, including communicative activities, games and website tools for recycling vocabulary both inside and outside the classroom. The event is recognised by the cantons of Switzerland as 'Weiterbildung' - 'Further Education'. Read more [here](#).

Lausanne, Saturday, 11th November **Using Literature to teach English**

In the first half of the seminar Graham will provide four different ways of exploiting poems so they can be used for vocabulary development, creative writing and practice with the rhythm and sounds of English. The second half will present and practise three ways of getting learners to discuss short stories. Participants will be provided with copies of these stories to read before the seminar as well as numerous further resources on the day. Click [here](#) to find out more.

ETAS Journal News



Entries on the Website

Your next enlightening read on ELT is just a click away: The Journal section of the ETAS website contains a growing number of excellent articles. They currently include 21 [Editor's Choice articles](#), nearly 50 [book reviews](#), and 19 interviews under [Conversations](#). Check them out!

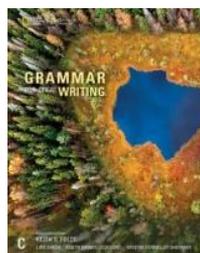
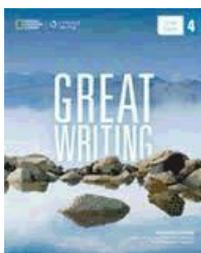
Why not write a Book Review for ETAS?

Review materials for ETAS and seize the chance to work with brand new materials free! It's a wonderful way to support the readers of the ETAS Journal and of our website in their teaching. We guarantee that you'll also revamp your own writing skills! Materials reviews are not peer-reviewed; we don't expect purple prose but informative and helpful opinions. We'll help you get started if you are unsure of what's wanted.

Here are two books from National Geographic / Cengage Learning which will possibly inspire you and your writing, as well as improve your students' writing skills:

Great Writing (Great Essays) level 4, ISBN 978-1-285-75074-3 (C1), along with

Grammar for Great Writing C (B2-C1) ISBN 978-1-337-11861-3



If you're interested or have any queries, this is the address to write to: bookreview@etas.ch

Discover the author in you!

Have you ever thought of **writing for the ETAS Journal**? Here's your opportunity! ETAS Journal is looking for **practical articles** with **ideas and activities** for the classroom, **anecdotes** you think are worth telling, or perhaps a description of something you tried out in your lessons with an interesting result. Let us know what works with your students and what doesn't. If you're a seasoned teacher, share your valuable experience with your younger colleagues! Are you a newbie in the business? Bring along some fresh thinking! No need to write an epic, short contributions are welcome.

Are you interested? Do you have any questions? Get in touch with the [ETAS Journal Publications](#)

[Team](#) and we'll be happy to help you.

Join the ETAS Journal Team and boost your professional Development!

The ETAS Journal Editorial Board is always looking for curious and interested minds who are willing to volunteer their time and talent. All you need to be is yourself. It's a wonderful way of networking and creating connections and a great opportunity to work in a fantastic team. Contact the [ETAS Journal Publications team](#)!

ETAS Library Book of the Month

Discover the Treasures of the largest private ELT-Resource in Switzerland!

ETAS has a **well-stocked library** members can borrow books from. Each month ETAS suggests and presents one of the many books on offer. Our pick of the month of June:



Focus on Reading: Oxford Key Concepts for the Language Classroom, Esther Geva, Gloria Ramirez, 184 pages, 2015 (Oxford University Press)

Focus on Reading aims to help teachers develop a deep understanding of the multiple skills and factors involved in second language reading development and to equip them with practical skills for the effective teaching and assessment. It features key research studies on reading comprehension, considers examples from real classroom practice, and provides activities to help teachers relate the content and objectives to their own teaching context.

Order it today - together with two other books from our catalogue!

Information on terms of use and payment as well as ordering can be found in [this section](#) of the ETAS website.

Teacher Tips and ELT Links



ETAS on Facebook and on Twitter

ETAS is present on Facebook and Twitter @ETAS_CH. Keep up-to-date with the latest developments and ideas in the world of ELT and find magnificent new lesson ideas! If you have no idea how to use Twitter or why it's such an amazing resource for teachers, [this blog post](#) has some handy tips.

The top 5 ELT Tweets of last Month

[S is for Sylvia \(Ashton-Warner\)](#) via [@thornburyscott](#),

[Powerful tea and other impossible collocations](#) via [@leoselivan](#),

[Collaborative Reasoning: Small Group Discussions and Their Impact on Language Learning](#) via [@researchbites](#),

[Getting your #teens to speak more #English in class](#) via [@DanShepherd87](#), and

[Action songs for engaging YLs](#) via [@adi_rajan](#).

External Events

What's going on in Switzerland and Europe?

Drama in Education Days 2017 in Konstanz, Germany

The bilingual (English/German) conference is aimed at second/foreign language teachers wanting to learn (more) about incorporating drama into their language teaching. The 2-day event takes place in **Konstanz, Germany, 30th June and 1st July**. For more information please see [here](#).

Lexical Lab Summer School

Looking for some continuing professional development courses this summer? Then check out the summer school being offered by Lexical Lab, which will be held this year in **north London** and runs from **3rd July to 11th August 2017**. Hugh Dellar and Andrew Walkley, two vastly experienced EFL teachers and teacher trainers, are offering one- and two-week teacher development courses for practising language teachers. See [here](#) to find out more.

ELT Academic Reading Group in St. Gallen

Every month there is an ELT Academic Reading group held in St. Gallen. The group is free and it's open to ETAS members and non-ETAS members. The meetings are always on the second or third Friday of every month at **9.30 in Ultimo Bacio Café, Poststrasse 14**. For more information and a link to the website please see [here](#).

ELT Springboard in Bern

ELT Springboard has monthly meetings that take place at **The Fitting Room in Welle 7** (next to Bern train station). More details and a link to the ELT Springboard blog are to be found [here](#).

For other external events, be sure to check out [this section](#) on our website.

Certificate and Diploma Courses

Enhance your Career prospects!

NILE MA in Central Switzerland now!

The **NILE MA in Professional Development in Language Education** has just reached another

milestone: **Pädagogische Hochschule Schwyz** has been added as an accredited centre where you can take an intensive face-to-face MA module. All NILE centres are required to meet the high academic standards set by the **University of Chichester** and the programmes are taught by NILE trainers. Are you interested? See [here](#) for more information.

Blended Cert IBET Course

The **Consultants-E** are offering a Blended Cert IBET Course (Certificate in Business English Training) from **1st September until 12th October 2017**. The first four days will be intensive face-to-face in Zürich. ETAS members are eligible for a **10% discount!** Does this grab you? [Here](#)'s more information about the course.

Check out [this section](#) of the ETAS website regularly for interesting Certificate and Diploma courses.

ETAS Office

The office and library will be closed from 2nd to 16th July 2017.

I wish you all a great summer break.

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