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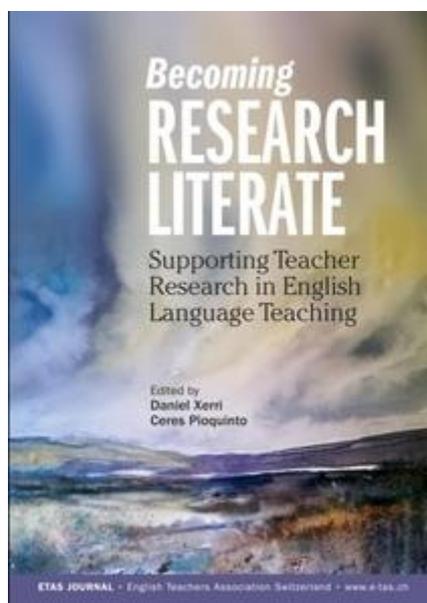
2018 is slowly coming to an end, everybody is preparing for Christmas, and the ETAS community is as busy as ever.

Registration for the **35th ETAS Annual Conference and AGM** is open now! ETAS members as well as guests are invited to join us in **Zofingen** on **19th and 20th January 2019**. Enjoy the company of lots of friendly and open-minded ELT professionals and take advantage of numerous opportunities for

exchange and networking, several dozen workshops to choose from, four plenary talks given by top-grade speakers and a huge book exhibition. Don't miss the **Early Bird discount** and register by **16th December!** For more information about the programme and to register please click [here](#).



The first ETAS Journal open access e-book, ***Becoming Research Literate***, is already the most downloaded file on the ETAS website! With 6,940 complete downloads and 12,088 partial downloads for a total of 19,028 impressions, it is more popular than ***CELTA in a Swiss context***, which has been on the site since the beginning and has a total of 13,239 impressions over the last four years. Download your free copy [here!](#)



As every month, the **Twitter recap** has some exciting articles and blog posts for you. The thought-provoking email exchange in which Jim Scrivener answers some of Geoffrey Jordan's ***5 Questions about ELT*** is just one of them. The **VACLE Conference** is taking place in Malta in February and the call for

proposal is open until 7th December. Some Swiss regions are looking forward to their last **ETAS Event** in 2018, while others are already planning for the coming year. Also we have more books and other materials for you to choose from if you want to **write a review**.

Enjoy the read!

Kind regards,

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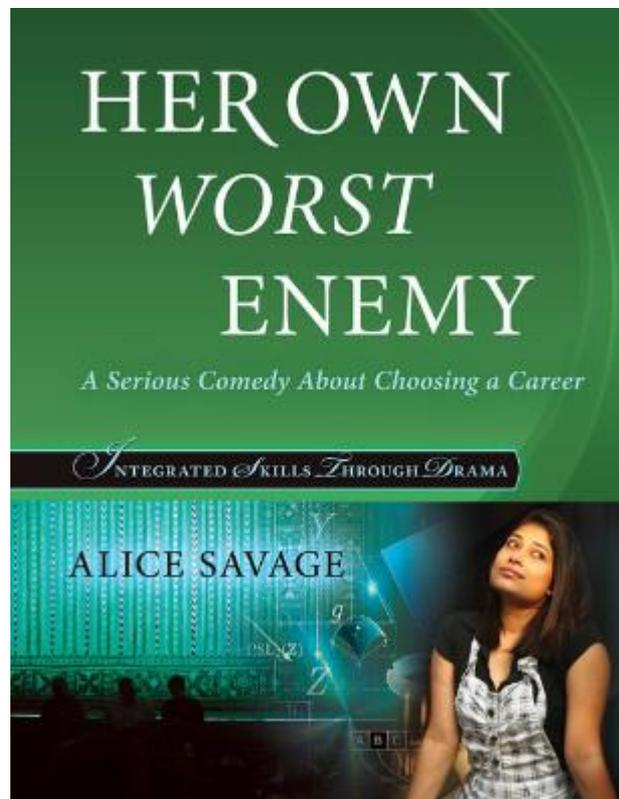


ETAS Journal News

Want Free Resources? Write a Review!

Our [list of materials](#) is growing! We are delighted to offer coursebooks from **Cornelsen** and **Helbling Languages**, plus ***Her Own Worst Enemy*** from **Alphabet Publishing**, which teaches speaking and communication skills through the performance of a one-act play.

To review these or for more information, contact **[Hannah McCulloch](#)** (**bookreview@e-tas.ch**) now.



Upcoming ETAS Events

Today!

Bern, 5th December:

ELT Springboard Holiday Party!



Another great year is coming to an end and ELT Springboard is celebrating at the Christmas market in Bern on the Weisenhausplatz. The Springboard community is looking forward to seeing all of their regulars, but as usual everyone is welcome! It will be great if you can make it!

Come join ELT Springboard on **Wednesday, 5th December**, at **8.00 p.m.** at **Platzhirsch** at the Christmas market in Bern on the Weisenhausplatz! **Please visit the ETAS website** for information on how to RSVP so you're sure to find the Springboarders!

St. Gallen, 14th December: Academic Reading Group



The ELT Academic Reading Group in St. Gallen has been meeting monthly since January 2016. The aim of the group is to discuss a different academic article each month related to various aspects of English Language Teaching. The group is open and free to all teachers from any background. All you need is a keen interest in all things related to English teaching. It's a great place to meet like-minded teachers and share ideas. The meetings are on the second / third Friday of every month (depending on everyone's availability) at **9.30 in the Migros Bahnhof Cafeteria**. The next meeting is on **14th December**. For more information please write to **Gemma Lunn (gemma_lunn@hotmail.com)**.

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Watch the **ETAS Vaud section** of the website for information about networking events in 2019, as well as a **workshop on Intercultural Competences** combined with subsequent **swap shops** on the themes of **Young Learners/Teens** and **Technology to facilitate or supplement classroom activities** in mid-February! Details will be made available as venues and dates are confirmed. For any questions please write to **Sharon Acton and Sonia Spenlehauer** at vaud@e-tas.ch.

Basel: SPARK



The ETAS-inspired SPARK Basel team got into the yuletide spirit early with a festive lesson exchange on 22nd November. The community, open to ETAS

members and non-members alike as well as teachers of other languages, met to share favourite year-end and seasonal teaching activities. Teachers discussed activities that examined the cultural significance and different symbols of Christmas across the globe as well as more traditional classroom pursuits such as Charades. **The next SPARK Basel meeting will take place in February 2019, after the AGM.** For more information please write to basel@e-tas.ch.

Other ELT Events

Malta, 15th-16th February:

Visual Arts Creation in Language Education (VACLE) Conference



SAVE THE DATE

VISUAL ARTS CREATION IN LANGUAGE EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Dates: 15th and 16th February 2019
Time: 15th February: 09.00 – 16.00
16th February: 10.00 – 14.30
Plenary Speakers: Kieran Donaghy
& Joanna Norton
Venue: Old University Campus Valletta,
European Capital of Culture for 2018

The conference aims to showcase multimodal approaches to language education. There is a special focus on how oracy, the capacity to express oneself in speech and understand speech, can be developed through visual arts creation.

**The Call for Proposals is open
until 7th December 2018.**



The call for proposals for the VACLE Conference, which is taking place in Malta on 15th-16th February 2019, is now open. The conference is an innovative event that explores the possibilities that creation of the visual arts (drawing, painting, design, crafts, photography, film-making, video-making, computer art and gaming) offers to both language teachers and language learners. The VACLE Conference seeks to bring together leading experts and practitioners in visual arts creation in language learning that share their experiences, insights and know-how, and provide participants with a unique opportunity to enhance their competence in teaching visual arts creation in the language classroom.

The call for proposals is open until 7th December 2018. For more information and to submit a proposal please click [here](#).

For more upcoming events please see [here](#).

Teacher Tips

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If you're ever stuck for images, [here](#)'s Kathleen Morris's excellent blog with lots of information on the topic, a free downloadable e-book, and if you scroll down to comparisons, you'll find a table with some great links.



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Last Month's Most Popular Tweets Were:

- **The impact of English on learners' wider lives** via @TeachingEnglish
 - **Teaching with Trauma** via @edutopia
 - **An email exchange with Jim Scrivener about ELT** via @GeoffreyJordan
 - **Perfect English Grammar - Lots of online exercises and worksheets to help your students improve their grammar** via @I_Love_English
 - **Podcast on the concept of TEFL Tourism, Johan Storm & University Entrance Exams** via @TEFLology
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EFL Webinars

Your opportunity to embark on professional development at home! Check out the EFL Webinar section on our website. ETAS members can explore new topics and interact with teachers around the globe, all from the comfort of home! Click on the image above to find out more.



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Social Networking on Facebook

If you haven't discovered us on Facebook yet, please surf on over next time you're online and check out what's happening in ETAS' social network. Our **Group** has attracted the interest of thousands of teachers in Switzerland and around the world with almost 1,400 members.

If you have any questions, please contact **Hannah McCulloch** or **Coco Frei**.

Follow ETAS on Twitter

ETAS is also present on 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 are not familiar with Twitter or don't know why it's such an amazing resource for teachers, **this blog post** has some handy tips.

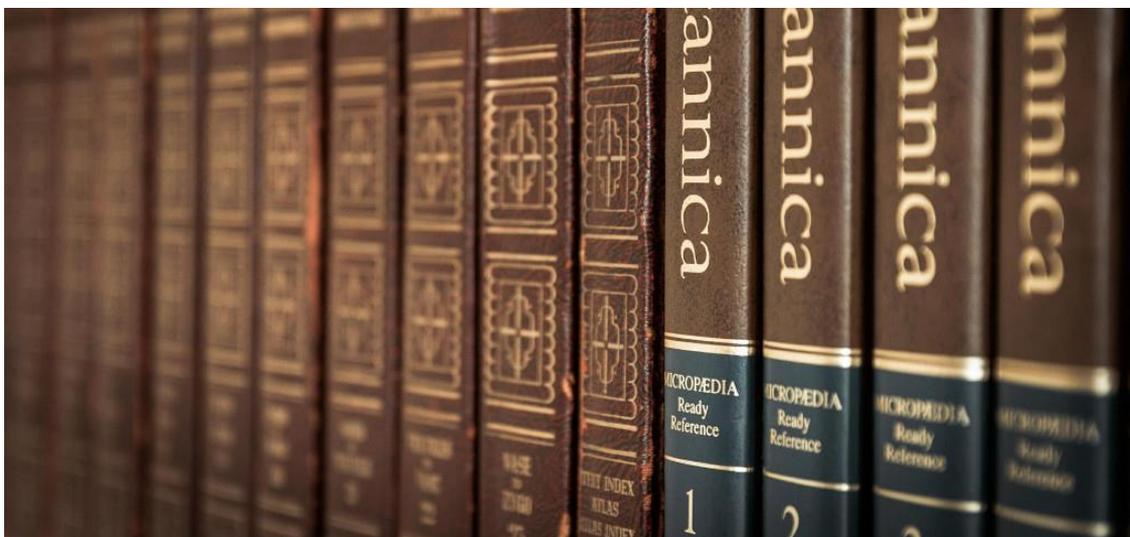


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ETAS Library

The ETAS Library has a wealth of useful and relevant ELT titles available for you to borrow. Don't forget to check out the **online Library catalogue**. Click on the image to find out more about Library terms of use and payment.

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