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ETAS November e-Newsletter



Dear *|FNAME|*,

Stay tuned for the **35th ETAS Annual Conference and AGM** programme! The event will take place in **Zofingen** on **19th and 20th January 2019**. It's another excellent chance for you to learn and relate, exchange and belong! There'll be plenary talks by first-rate speakers and plenty of workshops to choose from on all sorts of ELT-related topics. More information available soon on **this page**.



This month's **Twitter recap** includes an article by Sandy Millin on the *Learning process* and a podcast featuring long-standing ETAS member and Drama and Literature SIG Coordinator Eva Göksel. Under **Teacher Tips** you'll find an article about *Learner-centred Observation of Teachers* by Christian Tiplady.

There are regional **ETAS Events** in Bern, Lausanne and St. Gallen in November and **other events** in Switzerland and Europe you might be interested in. Have a look also at these **online events**, which will be offered free of charge in the upcoming weeks.

Enjoy the read!

Kind regards,
Your ETAS Team



ETAS Journal News

WANT FREE RESOURCES? Write a review!

We are always keen to hear from members who would like to write a review.

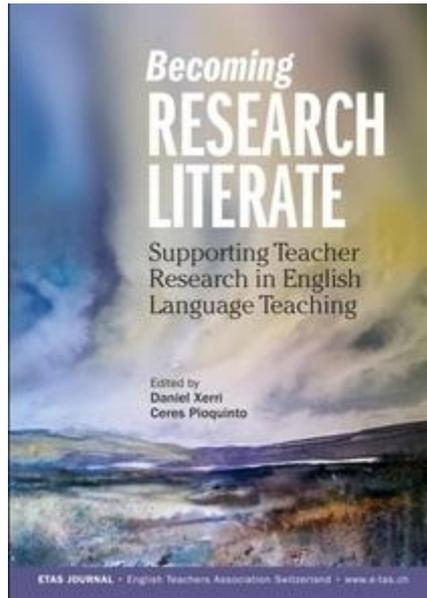
Books, games, apps ... Take a look at the growing list of **NEW MATERIALS** on offer or suggest something else you have seen on the market! No experience necessary, you have three months to write it, and full support is available if needed. Contact **Hannah McCulloch** (bookreview@e-tas.ch) now!



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ETAS Journal e-Book on **Becoming Research Literate**

Don't forget to download your copy of the first ETAS Journal open access e-book, **Becoming Research Literate**:



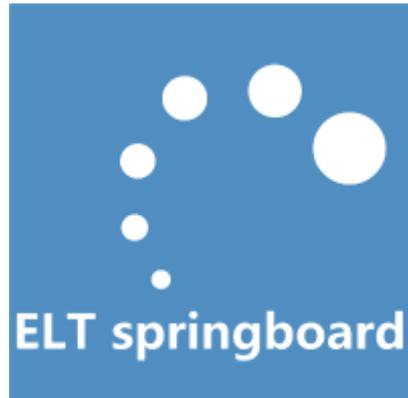
This book introduces readers to the concept of research literacy, which involves the ability to judiciously use, apply, and develop research concepts and tools as a fundamental part of one's teaching. Specifically, the book aims to develop English language teachers to become informed and critical users of research tools and by-products. Edited by two experienced teacher-researchers, Dr. Daniel Xerri and Dr. Ceres Pioquinto, Editor-in-Chief of the ETAS Journal, this book compiles a broad range of perspectives to demonstrate the potential uses of a research-informed pedagogical framework, not just in English language teaching but in the teaching of other languages as well.

Upcoming ETAS Events

Tomorrow!

Bern, 7th November:

Engaging students - This month at ELT Springboard



This month at ELT Springboard, we're addressing the topic of learner engagement. Whether at a private or public school, student motivation and their willingness to keep coming back is a vital part of our jobs.

But what can teachers do to make sure promising new students are coming in, and what factors then contribute to successful development and upkeep of learner engagement?

You're invited to learn more, share your experience, challenges, and success stories:

- at **Tibits – Bern, Gurtengasse** (about 250 meters from the main station) at **8.00 p.m.** on 7th November.
- or read more and join the conversation here **with a comment on the blog!**

Basel, 22nd November:

Festive lesson exchange at SPARK Basel



After a successful first meeting on 24th October attended by a mix of ETAS members as well as interested teachers, the **SPARK Basel** team are running another networking and development gathering. The November meeting will take place at **spark wine & coffee bar** (Güterstrasse 166, 4053) on **Thursday, 22nd November from 7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.** With a view to the upcoming holiday season, attendees will be sharing activities and lesson plans for the festive time of year. If you are interested in joining SPARK write to us at sparkbasel@gmail.com or basel@e-tas.ch – we look forward to welcoming you!

**Lausanne, 28th November:
Social-Professional Apéro for Teachers of English
and other Languages**



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Join us at **Vapiano restaurant** in the top floor dining section (Place de la Gare 4, Lausanne) on **28th November, 7.00-9.00 p.m.** for another get-together to

unwind in an informal setting. We share tips, lesson ideas, advice, and career info. The venue, just across from the Lausanne station, offers a fresh variety of Italian cuisine in a bright and modern space. For any questions please write to **Sharon Acton and Sonia Spenlehauer** at vaud@e-tas.ch.

St. Gallen: 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**. For more information please write to **Gemma Lunn** (gemma_lunn@hotmail.com).

Other Events in November

Bern, 8th-16th November:

Upstage and the Caretakers present "Mr. Scrooge"

This year Upstage has joined forces with The Caretakers to bring you an exciting autumn production which premieres on Thursday, 8th November at the Theater am Käfigturm in Bern. For more information click [here](#) or on the image below.



Bern, 9th-10th November:

Cambridge English Introductory Seminar Sek I (for School Exams)

The Cambridge Introductory Seminar is designed to introduce teachers and principals as effectively as possible to the **Cambridge English Examinations and their preparation in combination with Lehrplan 21** in one or two days. The aim of this seminar is that the school and the teachers have the necessary knowledge to successfully prepare their students within the school structure for the Cambridge English exam. Please see [here](#) to find out more.

Bochum, Germany, 9th-10th November:

Assessing Academic Language Proficiency and Languages for Specific Academic Purposes

The aim of the symposium is to systematise the activities in various disciplines such as Foreign Language Teaching, German as a Foreign and Second Language, or teaching of heritage languages. Participants benefit from each other's approaches and considerations, to ultimately improve the assessment of academic language proficiency and languages for specific academic purposes in all contexts. If you're interested, please read more [here](#).

St. Gallen, 23rd November and Lucerne, 30th

November:

Best Preparation for Computer-based Cambridge English Exams

These workshops aim to show teachers the **advantages of computer-based testing**. Participants will get hands-on experience and preparation resources. The presenters will also speak about **Testbank**, a Cambridge University Press product which gives students multiple opportunities to practice for computer-based exams. For more details about the workshop in St. Gallen please see [here](#). More information on the workshop in Lucerne is to be found [here](#).

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

Teacher Tips

Food for Thought: Learner-centred Observations of Teachers

Should there be more focus on the learner rather than the teacher in observed lessons? A thought-provoking article from [Sandy Millin's blog](#):

Learner-centred Observations of Teachers by Christian Tiplady

Christian is a freelance teacher trainer based in the UK. He has worked in both EFL and Modern Foreign Languages sectors for over 25 years, teaching, teacher training and managing in private language schools, NGOs and government organisations.



Christian Tiplady

Last Month's Most Popular Tweets Were:

- **The learning process as I see it** via @sandymillin
 - **A new ELT Podcast – What Tim Feels: Michael Griffin on Social Media and Teacher Development** via @timhampson
 - **Drama in Language Teaching Podcast: Conversations with Eva Göksel** via @Eva4Drama
 - **Climbing above the teaching plateau** via @TeachingEnglish
 - **Great Games for Lessons** via @fabenglishteach
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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!

The month of November has some exciting webinars lined up: **Paul Dummett** will be speaking about ***Tapping into Curiosity: Incorporating Critical Thinking in Every Situation***, while **Dr. Joanne Crandall** presents her take on ***How to Engage Teenage Learners with Projects***. Be sure to check [here](#).

On 2nd December **Marjorie Rosenberg** and **Shanthi Cumaraswamy Streat** will be holding a webinar about ***English for Finance and Banking***. In addition, two keynotes and a debate will be simulcast from the **IATEFL BESIG Annual Conference**, which is taking place from 16th to 18th November. These events are to be found [here](#).



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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 1400 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.

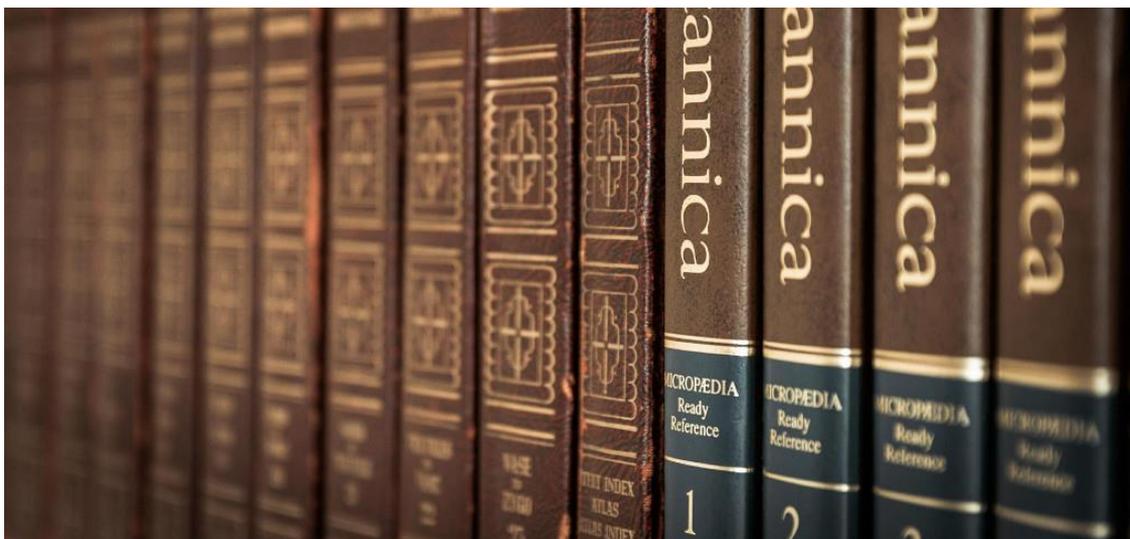


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The ETAS Library has a wealth of useful and relevant ELT titles available for you to borrow. Don't forget to check out the **online Library catalogue**. Click on the image to find out more about Library terms of use and payment.

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