

**Big SIG
Day**



**Start of the Year Event
September 20th, 2020**

**"Reshaping the
Future of Education"**

Online at tesolgreece.org



A Message from the TESOL Greece Chair Lilika Couri



Dear TESOL Greece Members and Honored Guests,

On behalf of the TESOL Greece Board, I have the pleasure to welcome you to the first virtual Start-of-the-Year--Big SIG Day Event.

This year the Board had chosen a beautiful venue. However, due to the pandemic, we decided to go online, giving the opportunity to more members to attend through Zoom.

This is our new reality: we have learned to become flexible, to adapt to new demands and to be prepared. In many ways, **Reshaping the Future of Education** will demand just that and many more ideas and suggestions which will be made by our two plenary speakers, Suzanne Antonaros and Nicos Sifakis and by the speakers representing each one of the six TESOL Greece SIGs.

Our major change this year is the manner in which we will hold the SIG meetings and elections. Knowing that the SIG talks are being attended by the members of the specific SIG, we have decided to hold the SIG meeting and elections for the new or re-elected SIG Coordinator right after each meeting. We depend on you, our members, to help us accomplish this important task as efficiently and as professionally as possible.

And we depend on TG's SIG Coordinators and Liaison officers to help us come out winners once more. The TESOL Greece Board would like to thank all SIG Coordinators for their service: Anastasia Metallinou (SpLDs), Anna Zacharatou & Anna Petala (LTs), Lia Kalianos (ALrnrs) and Irene Zachariou (Dr & Lit). I would like to thank personally the TG Board Liaison Officers for their expert collaboration: Voula Moustakidou, Agapi Dentaki, Susan Stetson-Tiligadas, Georgia Kourti, Evelina Agathopoulou and Leda Lampropoulou.

My gratitude to the TESOL Greece Board members for their collaboration and for their presence and support. And, as always, I am indebted to Georgios Chatzis for his over and above any webmaster's duties technological and, not only, support.

It is a first and as EFL teachers **and** TG members we have been used to 'firsts'. And this, is part of our future. We are practicing learning, unlearning and re-learning, as Alvin Toffler cautioned us a number of years ago, almost anticipating our 2020 reality.

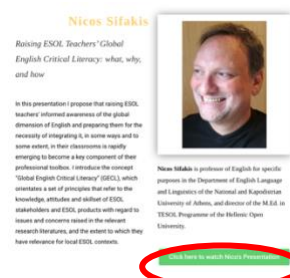
Let's join hands (virtually) then, and wish us all and TESOL Greece a creative, proactive and successful NEW academic year.

Lilika Couri,
TESOL Greece Chair, 2020-2021

Important Note to All TESOL Greece Members

To Access the Webinars:

- First, [login to the TESOL Greece website members' area](#) and you will automatically be redirected to the event page.
- Access to the presentations is only possible through the members' area for members in good standing so please make sure you have completed registration or renewed your membership **by 17 September, 2020** to be granted access.
- You can view the presentations via the [Zoom App](#). Due to technical reasons the presentations will not be accessible via your browser as was the case with the 'Daring'... the Virus webinars.
- Once in the event page just click on the green button of the presentation you would like to join. You will **not** need to enter a zoom meeting ID or password. See photo.



TESOL Greece 42nd Annual International Convention

Plenary Speakers

[Hania Bociek](#), [Judy Boyle](#), [Bessie Dendrinis](#), [Jo Gakonga](#)

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Event Programme at a Glance

10:00

Opening Remarks: TESOL Greece Chair Lilika Couri

10:15 - 11:15

Plenary Presentation

Nicos Sifakis,

Raising ESOL Teachers' Global English Critical Literacy: what, why, and how

11:30 - 12:15

Adult Learners SIG

Stelios Gatzionis

Building Confidence & Motivation in Adult Learners

Young Learners SIG

Amanda Skamagka

Why Teach VYs? Multiple Intelligences and Children's Personality Development

12:15 - 12:45

Adult Learners SIG Meeting

Young Learners SIG Meeting

13:00 - 13:45

Learning Technologies SIG

Marina Pantazi

Let's "Zoom" in the Future: Online Teaching Games

Drama & Literature SIG

Roussetia Nikoliadou

Teach, Enjoy, Create

13:45 - 14:15

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15:00 - 15:45

Teacher Development & Research SIG

Stella Floras

Feed Back or Feed Forward? That is the Question!

Specific Learning Differences SIG

Tyna Constantopoulou

Pedagogical Flexibility: Needs Analysis-Based Adaptations and Modifications

15:45 - 16:15

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16:30 - 17:30

Plenary Presentation

Suzanne Antonaros

A Rose by Any Other Name Is as Sweet: Are We What We Call Ourselves?

Presenters in Order of Appearance



10:15 - 11:15 Plenary Presentation

Nicos Sifakis

Raising ESOL Teachers' Global English Critical Literacy: what, why, and how

In this presentation I propose that raising ESOL teachers' informed awareness of the global dimension of English and preparing them for the necessity of integrating it, in some ways and to some extent, in their classrooms is rapidly emerging to become a key component of their professional toolbox. I introduce the concept "Global English Critical Literacy" (GECL), which orientates a set of principles that refer to the knowledge, attitudes and skillset of ESOL stakeholders and ESOL products with regard to issues and concerns raised in the relevant research literatures, and the extent to which they have relevance for local ESOL contexts.

Nicos Sifakis is professor of English for specific purposes in the Department of English Language and Linguistics of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, and director of the M.Ed. in TESOL Programme of the Hellenic Open University.



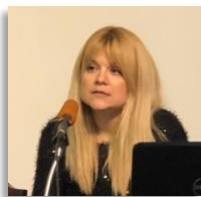
11:30 - 12:15 Adult Learners SIG

Stelios Gatzionis

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Stelios Gatzionis Career Coach – Counsellor, Teacher of English language.



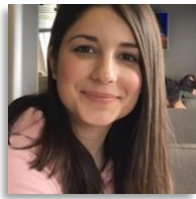
11:30 - 12:15 Young learners SIG

Amanda Skamagka

Why Teach VYLs? Multiple Intelligences and Children's Personality Development

Teaching foreign languages to very young learners during their critical period can highly contribute to children's personality development. It is not only about communication, accuracy and fluency, but also about developing lifelong skills and the multiple intelligences, which are -according to developmental psychologist Howard Gardner- 'part of our birthright'.

Amanda Skamagka, Post-doc researcher (University of Athens). EFL teacher specialized in VYL, author and instructor of teacher training e-learning course "Teaching foreign languages to very young learners" (University of Athens).



13:00 - 13:45 Learning Technologies SIG

Marina Pantazi

Let's "Zoom" in the Future: Online Teaching Games

This presentation includes games that can be integrated in both synchronous and asynchronous classes in order to make the lesson appealing for the students. The construction of a virtual classroom as well as interactive games for any online lesson will be introduced.

Marina Pantazi is an EFL teacher in Greece.



13:00 - 13:45 Drama & Literature SIG

Roussetia Nikoliadou

Teach, Enjoy, Create

In this workshop we will learn how to teach a fairy tale, how to set up the scenery and how to combine activities according to the tale. We will learn how to teach our little stars different groups of words by creating simple activities. We are their first teacher and we will do our best to remember us!!

Roussetia Nikoliadou has been a teacher of English for 22 years. She firmly believes teaching is a fully rewarding vocation through which teaching and learning are interchangeable.



15:00 - 15:45 Teacher Development & Research SIG

Stella Floras

Feed Back or Feed Forward? That is the Question!

Feedback is 'the single most powerful moderator that enhances achievement'. However, research indicates that teachers don't always employ feedback effectively rendering it hurtful, demotivating or just ignored. Come learn how to give the perfect FeedBack and how and why FeedForward works.

Stella Floras Teacher, Trainer and Language/Life Coach



15:00 - 15:45 Specific Learning Differences SIG

Tyna Constantopoulou

Pedagogical Flexibility: Needs Analysis-Based Adaptations and Modifications

This presentation examines pedagogical flexibility as a proactive process allowing educators to make decisions and effectively address student needs in inclusive learning settings. The notion and implementation of adaptations and modifications is foregrounded and explicitly explored eliminating inequalities and targeting meaningful learning.

Tyna Constantopoulou (M.Ed. in Special Education) is an EFL Special Education teacher running Inclusion Diffusion, a private individually owned school in Kalamata.



16:30 – 17:30 Plenary Presentation

Suzanne Antonaros

A Rose by Any Other Name Is as Sweet: Are We What We Call Ourselves?

Reflecting on the ever-changing world of work and the possible need for a re-vamping of the image of the foreign language teacher, let's discuss essential elements of what our work requires. **R-O-S-E**: 'R' for re-educating our public, 'O' for overcoming prejudices, 'S' for self-esteem and its building and repairs and 'E' for elevating our professional status.

Suzanne holds a B.A. in Spanish and an M.A. in TEFL from San Francisco State University. She has had extensive teaching and teacher training, f2f and online, and materials development experience in the USA, the UK, the Balkans, the Middle East and in Greece. She is co-director of EDUCATIONAL & TRAINING CONCEPTS and has co-authored books for EFL professionals. A founding member of TESOL Greece and of Living Values, she has served on the Board of both volunteer associations.

SIG Meetings / Elections

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are an integral part of the TESOL Greece vibrant community of ELT professionals. Their purpose and function is to afford TESOL Greece members specific opportunities to share information or research in specialized fields. Our six SIGs have been established and supported by certain TESOL Greece members who wish to hone their skills within a particular area or specialization of TEFL.

On the Big SIG Day we traditionally hold the SIG meetings to discuss and share with the specific SIG members their concerns and special interests, as well as expectations of their SIG.

Additionally, we hold elections for the posts of SIG Coordinators who are responsible for the smooth running of their SIG in close collaboration with the TESOL Greece Board of Directors. In short, the duties of the SIG Coordinator are the following:

- Head a SIG in collaboration with the TESOL Greece Board of Directors.
- Attract colleagues interested in the specific SIG.
- Suggest planning of SIG events in collaboration with the TESOL Greece Board of Directors.
- Run the Annual SIG Meeting at the respective Event.
- Suggest innovations to Board through the TG Board SIG Liaison Officer.
- Be present (and coordinate your SIG) at SIG events!!

SIG Coordinator Nominations

We open the floor for nominations for the posts of SIG Coordinators (1 year). You can nominate another TESOL Greece member for the post OR you can nominate yourself. Nominees must have experience and particular interest in the relevant SIG and be a TESOL Greece member in good standing. To submit your nomination please click.

[HERE](#) **Deadline for submissions 18 September, 2020.**

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TESOL Greece Upcoming Events

TESOL GREECE Calendar 2020-2021

Series of Webinars
"Daring"...the Virus
Online at : www.tesolgreece.org April 25th - June 28th, 2020

September 20th, 2020
Start of the Year Event & Big SIG Day
"Reshaping the Future of Education"
Plenary Speakers:
Suzanne Antonaros, Nicos Sifakis
Venue: Webster University Cultural Center, Plaka

October 31st - November 1st, 2020
TESOL Greece - ETAL Symposium
"Making Connections"
Featured Speakers:
Theodora Bogiou, Georgios Chatzis, Jenny Liontou
Location: Larissa, Thessaly
Venue: G.I. Katsigras Hall, Municipal Art Gallery

February 7th, 2021
TESOL Greece - Athens College Pitta-Cutting Event
"Social-Emotional Learning and ELT"
Plenary Speaker:
Agnes Mariakaki
Venue: Athens Psychico College

March 6th-7th, 2021
42nd TESOL Greece Annual International Convention
"Human Rights in Education, Literature & Art"
Plenary Speakers:
Hania Bociek, Judy Boyle, Bessie Dendrinis, Jo Gakonga
Venue: TBA

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TESOL GREECE November 1st, 2020

TESOL Greece- ETAL Symposium "Making Connections"

Venue
G.I. Katsigras Hall,
Municipal Art Gallery
Larissa, Thessaly

Featured Speakers
Theodora Bogiou
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Jenny Liontou

Free to TG & ETAL members
Non-members: €10

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