

Online Seminar on Designing ELT

Organized by

School of Humanities, NSOU

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Concept Note

About the University:

Netaji Subhas Open University (NSOU), a premier State Open University in India dedicated to the mission of imparting quality education to a vast majority of Learners across the State of West Bengal and beyond, started its maiden journey in July, 1998. The priority focus of its pedagogy is on the enhancement of the Learners' knowledge in different disciplines in Open and Distance Mode of Learning (ODL. At present, the University is providing a range of on-line learning programmes to widen the learning scope in Post Graduate Courses for ELT (English Language Teaching). The forthcoming WEBINAR to be held on July 5, 2020 is an initiative to this end.

About the School of Humanities:

It is in place to mention here that the School of Humanities, NSOU has been conducting UG and PG Courses in Bengali and English alongside one-year DIPLOMA and two-year PG Courses in ELT. The forthcoming WEBINAR is the brainchild of ELT Dept. Its primary objective is to enlighten our faculties and learners on the pedagogy or techniques of teaching English as spoken and written over a wide societal spectrum. The emergent global scenario demands them to speak, listen to, read and write English as it should be. The School of Humanities has undertaken an initiative to frame new syllabi for Courses under the penumbra of Humanities in adherence to Choice Based Credit System. The webinar is being organized for an interactive discourse between the course writers and the Post Graduate Learners on the modalities and content of CBCS as far as ELT is concerned.

About CLTCS:

The prime objective of CLTCS, a self-run unit of the School of Humanities, NSOU, is to disseminate the knowledge of language as part of cultural studies, as language is a powerful tool of the individual's integration with socio-economic hierarchy and self-uplift. It is CLTCS's perception that a teeming multitude of pass-outs from conventional schools, colleges and universities shies away from speaking and writing English as they should. The introduction of short-term Certificate Courses in Communicative English is a break away from the traditional, long-drawn process of learning in close-ended syllabi as followed by all variants of schooling in our country. The open-ended, intensely focused and interactive mode of learning in PCP models (Personal Contact Programme) is the need of the day. In tune with this perception and objective, CLTCS provides a motivational frame to induct a large cross-section of students and give shape to their dreams and latent language potential. With this perception in view, CLTCS introduced Short-term Courses (CICE and ACICE) under the aegis of the School in November 2018. Needless to say that from its erstwhile use as "window language", "reference language" and "lingua franca" English has over time evolved into a "survival language" in the present-day world. The online Webinar on July 5, 2020 is the second initiative of the Centre for scaling ELT discipline to a more effective rung of academic ladder for the upward social/professional mobility of our learners.

About the webinar:

CLTCS is going to organize English Language Teaching Webinar entitled 'Designing ELT', the first of its kind to be conducted in the School of Humanities. The prime objective of the Webinar is to initiate our axis of tutor-learner relation to new heights of effective Second Language Acquisition through online mode as well as the prevalent PCP mode. Understandably, the outcome of the WEBINAR will be positive and constructive, and hopefully it will enhance our teaching faculties' know-how about the latest developments in the field of Techniques vis-a-vis Learning on and out of the Campus.

Speakers Details:

Professor S Mohanraj, formerly Professor in EFLU, Hyderabad and now Emeritus Professor in ELT Dept. of Guwahati University has kindly consented to act as the keynote speaker on the Webinar. He has been actively associated with the CBCS-oriented PG-ELT syllabus formulation in tandem with the concerned BOS beginning from January 2019. His scholarly expertise and involvement in the course framing has been enormously conducive to the completion of the new CBCS PG-ELT Syllabus.

Professor Basudeb Chakraborti, formerly Professor of the English Language in Kalyani University and Emeritus Professor of English in Sikkim University is an invitee speaker on the seminar. Our faculties, Dr Jay Sankar Basu and Dr Sumana Bandyopadyay are to back up the key concept of the Webinar.

Presentation Details:

Dialectology: Professor Basudeb Chakraborti, Former Professor of English, Kalyani University

Collocation and Idioms in English: Dr Jaysankar Basu, Associate Professor of English Language Teaching, NSOU

Discourse: Dr Sumana Bandyopadhyay, Assistant Professor of English Language Teaching, NSOU

Task Design: Dr C Vijay Kumar, Assistant Professor, BITS Pilani

English Pronunciation in 21st Century: Dr Shubh Brat Sarkar. Associate Professor, Rishi Bankim Chandra College, Naihati, WB.

English Education After Independence: Mr Durbadal Dutta, Asst. Teacher, Karimpur High School, WB

Morphology: Dr. Sadhan Kumar Dey, Associate Professor, RCCIIT, Kolkata

Teaching Writing: The Process Approach: Mr Saibal Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, NSHM College of Management & Technology, Kolkata

Language and its Functions: Ms Swati Basu, Assistant Professor, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Institute of Management Science, Kolkata.

The presenters will have 8-minute time-slot to present their respective topics. Audience interaction for two minutes will follow each presentation.

All the lectures including presentation are to be recorded and will be uploaded in the YouTube channel: CLTCS NSOU after editing.

Registration processes:

For confirmation of participation in the seminar we request all to pay 100/- One Hundred Rupees as the registration fees in the following account as mentioned below.

Bank Account Name: CLTCS-NSOU

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The last date of the registration is: 28th June, 2020. We will close our registration as soon the limited seats are blocked.

Webinar technicalities:

The seminar will be hosted thorough Google Meet. We will send you the meeting link before the seminar date via email. You are requested to off your audio and video options during the seminar. But you can on your audio during question and answer session.

An online group would be framed with the registered participants for smooth conduct of the Webinar. E-Certificate will be provided.

For technical assistance please email: nsouwebcon@gmail.com

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