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LANGUAGE TEACHING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

May 15 & 16 2009

**Kings College London,
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TAKING A LOOK AT THE BIG debates

in English Language Teaching featuring leading experts from around the world including,

Featured speakers:

Suresh Canagarajah

taught English in his native Sri Lanka before moving to the US, where he now holds a Chair in Language Learning at Pennsylvania State University. An original and radical but also practical voice in ELT, Canagarajah has served since 2005 as the editor of the influential TESOL Quarterly, and has published several award-winning books, including *Resisting Imperialism in English Language Teaching* (1999), *A Geopolitics of Academic Writing* (2007) and *Reclaiming the Local in Language Policy and Practice* (2005).

on teaching English in the global age

Charles Alderson

began his career teaching EFL in Algeria, Germany and Mexico, and went on to become one of the world's leading experts on the theory and practice of language testing. He has advised numerous governments and education institutions on English language testing and assessment, with recent projects in Australia, Hungary, the Netherlands and Sri Lanka. His publications include *Diagnosing Foreign Language Proficiency: the Interface between Learning and Assessment* (2005).

on language testing

Carol Reed

is an educational consultant, teacher trainer and writer with a particular interest in the teaching of English to young learners. As well as being a YL consultant for the British Council and an assessor of courses leading to the Cambridge ESOL CELTYL, she has published some much admired materials for young learners, including the award-winning *Bugs* (2005) and the highly commended *500 Activities for the Primary Classroom* (2007).

on young learners

ALSO FEATURING:

- Language Teachers' Question Time: with Guy Cook, Catherine Walter and Jeremy Harmer (Chair)
- Soapbox sessions: strong opinions and provocative arguments
- Discussion sessions: your chance to share your own views and respond to our invited speakers
- Friday night reception & entertainment with storyteller Jan Blake

Why should you come to this conference?

- Your opportunity to engage with the 'big issues' as well as the day-to-day practicalities of language teaching.
- The issues will be discussed and debated by internationally respected experts.
- Our speakers are people who know their stuff and don't pull their punches!
- A golden opportunity to interact and engage with the speakers, and with a varied cross-section of fellow professionals. The conference will have special emphasis on time and space for interaction, with group discussion sessions after each main speaker, and a Question Time panel focusing on issues raised by the audience – you!
- Be entertained as well as informed: as well as speakers, panels and group discussion sessions, the conference will feature food, drink, storytelling and soapbox rants.

The conference will provide a unique opportunity to consider some of the major issues affecting the English teaching profession, led by distinguished speakers with international reputations.

The conference is open to all: whether you are a teacher, trainer, student or researcher you won't want to miss it. Your conference fee includes lunch & refreshments.

To reserve your place, please email:

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

FRIDAY

- 5.30 Conference Registration begins at 5.30 pm
- 7.00 Man, Woman, Life, Love: Stories from Africa, the Caribbean and Beyond With Jan Blake
- 8.00 Reception
- 9.30 Close

SATURDAY

- 9.00 Conference registration begins at 9.00 am
- 9.25 Welcome and introduction by the conference organizers
- 9.30 Featured speaker session (1): Suresh Canagarajah, English in a global world
- 10.15 Group discussion sessions
- 11.15 Featured speaker session (2): Charles Alderson, the debate on language testing
- 12.00 Group discussion sessions
- 12.30 Soapbox
- 2.00 Featured speaker session (3): Carol Reed, the debate on teaching young learners
- 2.45 Group discussion sessions
- 3.15 Soapbox
- 4.00 Language Teachers' Question Time
- 5.00 Closing remarks

Normal conference fee £140

Early bird fee £125 (Register before 15 March 2009)

Special student price £95

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