



VLAS 2025: English Language Assessment in the New Age

Programme for the Morning

Time	Session & [Format]	Title	Presenters	Theme
08:45-09:15	Check in			
09:15 - 09:45	Opening [Plenary]	Welcome Speeches & Information		
09.45 – 10.20	Keynote Speaker 1 [Plenary]	Enabling the Teacher and the Learner: Bringing speaking into the classroom (and beyond)	Prof. Barry O’Sullivan British Council	TECH
10:20 - 10:50	Featured Talk 1 [Plenary]	Beyond Scores: The emotional lives of learners in the Digital Age	Assoc. Prof. Dr Pham Thi Hong Nhung HUFLIS	TECH
10.50 - 11.05	Coffee break			
11.05-11.20	Introductory Talk	The ELT Context in Vietnam	Dr Nguyen Thi Mai Huu Director, NFLP	
11:20 - 12:20	Symposium Panel [Discussion in Plenary]	Language Assessment in the New Age	Moderator: Davide Guarini Gilmartin Panel: Prof. O’Sullivan, Dr Mai Huu, Dr Nhung, and Dr Tran Ba Tien	LAL
12:20 - 13:20	Lunch			



Programme for the Afternoon

12:20 - 13:20	Lunch			
13:20 - 13:55	Keynote Speaker 2 [Plenary]	Developing Formative Assessment Literacy for English Teachers: Insights from Research and Practice	Dr Cao Thi Hong Phuong Hanoi National University of Education	AFL
14:00 - 15:00	Breakout Session 1 - Presentations or workshops held concurrently in breakout rooms. EITHER 60m (e.g. 50m talk; 10m Q&A); OR 2 x 30m (25m talk; 5m Q&A)			
	Auditorium: Ms Megan Agnew - Co-constructing a Language Assessment Literacy Framework. (LAL)	JAPI A: Ms Elena Ostashchenko - Reflective Students, Lifelong Learners (AFL)	JAPI B: Dr Nguyen Nhat Tuan - Turning Assessment Culture Shock into Learning Opportunities (LAL)	
		Mr Andy Milner – Testing Teenagers with the CEFR (LAL)	Dr Vu Thi Thanh Nha - Developing AI-Assisted Assessment Tools for University Writing Tasks (Tech)	
15:00 - 15:15	Coffee break			
15:15 - 15:45	Breakout Session 2 - Short presentations or workshops held concurrently in Breakout rooms. 30m (25m + 5m Q&A)			
	Auditorium: Dr Phuong Hoang Yen - Reframing Assessment: Vietnamese EFL Teachers’ Agency in Formative Practices (AFL)	JAPI A: Mr Calum John Leatham - EMI in Practice (EMI)	JAPI B: Mr Tim Hood and Mr Anthony Nicols – Demonstrating an AI Speaking Practice Chatbot (Tech)	
15:50 - 16:30	Featured Talk 2 [Plenary]	EMI in Vietnam: From a Review to a New View	Dr Nguyen Thi Ngoc Quynh ULIS	EMI
16:30 - 16:50	Plenary	Closing and round up	British Council representative	

Themes:

- (LAL) - Language Assessment Literacy
- (AFL) - Formative Assessment (Assessment for Learning)
- (Tech) - Technology in Assessment (Especially AI)
- (EMI) - English as a Medium of Instruction