



**IATEFL Slovenia Saturday Seminar
November 16, 2019**

**Faculty of Arts Maribor
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Seminar Programme	
9.00 – 9.15	Welcome
9.15 – 10.15	Kirsten Hempkin Developing Critical Digital Literacy
10.15 – 10.30	Coffee break
10.15 – 11.00	Urška Petrevčič Successful Language Learners and their Language Learning Strategies
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.00	Melita Kukovec Teaching Grammar and Evaluation Criteria for Grammar Activities
12.00 – 12.45	Lunch
12.45 – 14.15	Lynda Steyne Training Academic Writing Skills
14.15 – 14.45	Coffee break
14.45 – 15.45	Barbara Majcenovič Kline Intercultural Communication in the Classroom
15.45 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 16.30	Lea Koler 30 Minutes for Writing
16.30 – 17.00	Presentation of IATEFL Slovenia + Q&A

Seminar Abstracts

Kirsten Hempkin

Developing Critical Digital Literacy

If part of our responsibility as educators is to equip learners to survive outside the classroom, how do we prepare them to negotiate our online world of alternative facts and fake news? You won't find all the answers in this workshop, but you will leave with some tips and ideas for exercises and activities, suitable for the language classroom, designed to develop Critical Digital Literacy skills and competences.

Urška Petrevčič

Successful Language Learners and their Language Learning Strategies

What do successful language learners do when learning foreign languages? We will talk about their strategies, and even try some of them out.

Melita Kukovec

Teaching Grammar and Evaluation Criteria for Grammar Activities

How does grammar become pedagogical grammar? How can we help learners to develop grammar competences? A cognitive and communicative approach and a well-considered selection of grammar activities could provide us with some answers.

Lynda Steyne

Training Academic Writing Skills

In this practical workshop, we'll look at the theory behind academic writing skills and its training. We'll also cover some practical ways to teach the skills needed for writing, as well as how to survive the workload.

Barbara Majcenovič Kline

Intercultural Communication in the Classroom

With this workshop we would like to stress the importance of understanding the culture behind the language. Jokes, proverbs, songs and idioms can mirror stereotypes concerning a nation and its culture.

Such misperceptions or exaggerations of cultural characteristics may widen the gap among people in spite of rapid globalization trends, and will therefore be addressed in this workshop. It is important for individuals to be able to recognize not only the current cultural, social, political, historical and ideological paradigms within their own country but even more so the overlapping tendencies across borders. This requires a relatively high level of

intercultural awareness, which may – preferably – help overcome obstacles and identify sources of misunderstandings among those belonging to different communities.

Lea Koler

30 Minutes for Writing

The workshop will offer some short exercises to unleash creativity and fight writer's block. We will explore descriptive writing, dabble at character creation and try some very short stories.