

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

RALPH ROGERS

Director Taiwan, British Council



Ralph joined the British Council in 2015, first as Director of Business Development in Beijing, moving to Guangzhou in 2016 to take up the position of South China Area Director.

Ralph took up the position of Director Taiwan in October 2019. During his time at the British Council Ralph has worked with numerous government bodies and higher education institutions to help support quality in the internationalisation of higher education, as well as bilingual, multilingual and English medium education.

Before joining the British Council, Ralph spent fifteen years supporting a wide variety of UK companies and institutions enter and grow in the China market, most recently as Managing Director of the British Chamber of Commerce in China, where he assisted many UK education institutions including 14 universities to establish a presence in China.

Ralph has a BA Hons in Modern Chinese Studies and an MA in Applied Translation both from the University of Leeds.

DR. TREVOR GRIMSHAW

Senior Lecturer, Department of Education, University of Bath



Dr Trevor Grimshaw is Director of Studies of the MA in English as a Medium of Instruction (MA EMI) at the University of Bath. He has worked for over 30 years in the field of English language education, as an educator, teacher educator, programme director, researcher and consultant. He spent several years based in Mainland China and Indonesia, working on British Council-managed curriculum development projects, from which he developed a continuing interest in the Asia Pacific region. His research interests include the pedagogy of English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI), intercultural communication and learning, second language identities, and the marketisation of English as an International Language.

DR. SAMANTHA CURLE

Lecturer, Department of Education



Dr. Samantha Curle is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Education, University of Bath, UK. After living in Asia for 10 years (4 years in Taiwan), she moved to the UK to complete her graduate studies at the University of Oxford. She teaches subjects related to Applied Linguistics and is currently the Director of the MRes programme in Advanced Quantitative Research Methods. Her main research interest lies in factors affecting academic achievement in English Medium Instruction (EMI) contexts across the globe. Her EMI-research projects are in Taiwan, Japan, Turkey, China, Israel, Nepal, South Africa, and the Maldives, to name a few. Her research has been published in journals such as *Language Teaching*, *Applied Linguistics Review*, *System*, *Studies in Higher Education*, *The Journal of Asia TEFL* and *International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism*.

DR. ROBERT BAIRD

Senior Teaching Fellow, Academic Centre for International Students, University of Southampton



Dr Rob Baird is a founding member of the Centre for Global Englishes at the University of Southampton, and co-designed and leads on the MOOC 'English as a Medium of Instruction for Academics' on the FutureLearn platform, which has brought together tens of thousands of EMI educators from around the world, and is currently in its 12th run. His PhD focused on EMI in East and South East Asia (including Taiwan), and he has been involved in designing and delivering various modules and professional development activities in the area since.

DR. CAROLE MACDIARMID

EAP Manager (Teacher Development) (English for Academic Study Unit), Glasgow University



Dr Carole MacDiarmid is English for Academic (EAP) Purposes Manager in English for Academic Study at the University of Glasgow. Carole has extensive experience in EAP course design and teacher education and currently co-leads the TESOL masters programmes, including convening the Teaching EAP online postgraduate course.

CONRAD HEYNS

Chair of the BALEAP Accreditation Scheme, BALEAP



Conrad Heyns joined Goldsmiths, University of London as the Director of the Centre for Academic Language and Literacies in 2016, after periods at the University of the Arts London, International House London and the London School of Economics.

Prior to these roles, he worked in a number of international positions - from high schools in South Africa to teacher training in Peru, from private language schools in Australia, Japan and the USA to working with governmental Education Bureaus in Asia.

He has particular interests in English for academic purposes, intercultural communication, the student experience and quality assurance within Higher Education institutions.

He is currently an inspector for four different schemes: The BALEAP Accreditation Scheme (BAS), the Evaluation and Accreditation of Quality Language Services (Eaquals), the International House World Organisation (IHWO) and CELTA teacher training (Cambridge English).

He is the Chair of the BALEAP Accreditation Scheme and the incoming Chair of BALEAP. He is also a judge for the British Council ELTons and the English Speaking Union Duke of Edinburgh Awards.