

British Council Seminars

ESP and UK ESOL: Building on common ground

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British Council, 10 Spring Gardens, London, SW1A 2BN

Who is this for?

All EFL/ESOL teachers (newly qualified to experienced)

There are a number of similarities between the teaching of English for Specific Purposes (ESP) as practised worldwide, and of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) in the UK. These include:

- Similar methodological origins and priorities, based on delivery of teaching and learning through effective needs analysis
- A focus on functions and skills rather than on a traditional grammar-based syllabus.
- A common preoccupation with authenticity and direct relevance.
- A shared perception that mainstream published teaching materials do not always match students' needs.

We will examine whether there are ways in which ESP and UK ESOL can learn from each other and possibly help to take general ELT for adults in a new, more focused direction.

Who is presenting this seminar?

David Baker: While working in France, David became a specialist Business English and ESP teacher, involved mainly in the field of in-company and pre-experience vocational language training. After a Master's degree in English and Applied Linguistics, he joined Oxford University Press and edited a number of Business English and ESP courses in the early 1990s, including Business Objectives, Business Basics, and the Oxford English for ... series. He has recently returned to ESP, and has just finished writing (with Richard Clark) the course on 'Finance' in the Oxford English for Careers series.

Keith Harding: Keith is now a freelance ELT writer, trainer, and consultant based in London, but in the past he has worked as a teacher, teacher trainer, Director of Studies, and Principal in the UK and the USA – entirely in the private sector. Since the early 1990s he has been interested in English for Specific Purposes and has written several titles for Oxford University Press, including International Express, Oxford English for Careers: Tourism, and the Oxford Resource Book for Teachers: ESP. He has also run training workshops and courses in ESP for teachers in a number of countries.

Programme

1830 – 1900 Welcome and refreshments

1900 – 2000 Presentation and workshop

2000 – 2030 Reception

To register for this seminar, please RSVP quoting 'ESP' to Nansi O'Connor, T +44 (0)20 7389 4787
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