

## British Council Seminars

These seminars encourage debate on areas of contemporary interest in the field of English language teaching and learning. The series combines informal networking events with more formal workshops and presentations. We started this year with a stimulating session given by Mario Rinvoluceri on "how to avoid burnout", highlights of which will soon be available on our website [www.teachingenglish.org.uk](http://www.teachingenglish.org.uk)

We are pleased to announce our next seminar:

### Michael Swan – What exactly is grammar?

16 February, 1830 - 2030

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

We all know what grammar is - until somebody asks us. The seminar will look beyond the rather unhelpful dictionary definition ('rules for changing the form of words and combining them into sentences'), to consider the following questions:

- What exactly is 'grammar'?
- Why do languages need it?
- Why do different languages use grammar in such different ways?
- What grammar do learners really need - and do they all need the same?
- What grammar do teachers really need?

Michael is a freelance writer; he is the author and co-author of numerous English language teaching and reference books. He is a member of the Academy of Social Sciences.

#### Programme for the evening

1830–1900 Welcome and refreshments

1900–2000 Presentation and workshop

2000–2030 Reception

To register for this seminar, please **RSVP**, quoting **Michael – 16 Feb** to

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