



## British Council Seminars

### Protecting learner autonomy through communication strategy with Kathleen M. Bailey

In collaboration with TIRF (The International Research Foundation) and Cambridge ESOL

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

In this session we will approach the topic of learner autonomy in the contexts of conversations in the target language. In order to get input, experience interaction, and produce conversational output, second language learners need to participate in sustained conversations. However, speaking a new language entails taking risks – and that's where communications strategies come into play.

We will first review a communication strategies framework and then relate these concepts to our own uses of communication strategies before examining an example of an activity that can be used to promote learners' development of communication strategies. We will consider how communication strategies can help students sustain conversations and develop autonomy as language learners, in addition to specific ideas for teaching communication strategies in our classes. Participants will be given access to an **extensive reference list** on communication strategies. Information will also be available on **TIRF and their new research: English at work: an analysis of case reports about English Language Training for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce**.

**Kathleen M. Bailey** is Chair of the TIRF Board of Trustees and President of the foundation. She has served on the TIRF Board of Trustees since 2000. She is a professor of applied linguistics at the Monterey Institute of International Studies and a professor in the TESOL Masters Program at Anaheim University. She received her M.A. in TESOL and her Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Bailey has worked with language teachers in Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Italy, Spain, Uruguay, Poland, Argentina, Brazil, Thailand, Trinidad, Czechoslovakia, Singapore, Hong Kong, and the U.S. In 1998-99 she was the president of TESOL. She is the recipient of numerous awards for services to teaching.

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#### Programme

**1800 – 1815** Welcome and refreshments

**1815 – 1830** Introduction

**1830 – 1930** Presentation

**1930 – 1945** Q&A

**1945 – 2030** Networking Reception

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