

EAP in the South East

Innovative Practices in Teaching Thesis and Dissertation Writing

University of Reading

June 9, 2017 13:30



Programme

- 1:30pm Arrival, mingle & welcome
- 1:10pm **Insights from an international research student**
Anas Awwad, Applied Linguistics, Reading
- Anas will talk about the thesis writing experience from the perspective of an international PhD student having to quickly decode expectations and operate effectively within the UK academic culture.
- 2:15pm **Corpus-Assisted Editing: Corpora and Tools for Thesis and Dissertation Writers**
Dr Maggie Charles, Oxford University
- Writing a thesis or dissertation is a demanding, high-stakes task, which requires an advanced level of language skills. This presentation focuses on the contribution that can be made by the application of corpus tools and specialised, do-it-yourself corpora constructed by students in their own field. It shows how such corpora and tools provide a valuable resource for identifying and dealing with problematic issues concerning lexicogrammar, content and organisation.
- 3:15pm Coffee break
- 3:35pm **Insights from a subject-specialist**
Professor Will Hughes, Construction Management and Engineering (CME), Reading
- Will is an academic who is keenly interested and deeply involved in the development of his students' research writing skills. From his experience of guiding dissertation writers in his specific discipline, he offers observations which are potentially widely applicable and extremely useful to an EAP specialist.
- 4:00pm **The Pedagogic Potential of the Appraisal Framework in teaching Dissertation Writing**
Karin Whiteside, Academic English Programme, ISLI, Reading
- There is increasing research interest in use of the Appraisal Framework (2005) for understanding evaluative language in academic texts (e.g. Geng & Wharton, 2016). This presentation reports on an experiment in pedagogic applications of the framework in the discipline-specific teaching of PGT dissertation writing.
- 4:25pm Discussion & Round Up
- 5:00pm Close (and option of drinks at the University of Reading's Park House Bar)

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