

Symposium Back to Basics: Principles in Contemporary Language Teaching

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Title for Talk: Tasks in Second Language Development: Theory, Research, and Practice

Abstract for talk: This talk explores theory, research, and practice on the use of tasks in second language (L2) instruction. The focus will be on defining tasks, providing a rationale for tasks in promoting L2 communication, and research examining the effectiveness of tasks in L2 acquisition and communicative skill.

Title for workshop: How to Implement Interactive Tasks in L2 Instruction

Abstract for workshop: In this workshop we discuss various types of tasks that can be used for different purposes in L2 instruction, paying particular attention to the *context* of L2 communication when developing interactive tasks.