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Dr. Daniel R. Isbell

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Hype and High-Tech Language Tests: Staying Grounded with Language Assessment Fundamentals

Technology has transformed language testing, accelerated in recent years by both necessity and major advances in capabilities. Evaluating high-tech tests need not require expertise in computer science. Rather, practitioners can draw on basic, fundamental concepts in assessment, including validity, fairness, practicality, and justice, to make informed decisions.

In this talk, Dr. Isbell will discuss what information to look for and expect from test developers and technology providers. By reaffirming assessment fundamentals, teachers can cut through the hype and develop a grounded perspective on high-tech assessments.



Dr. Yui Suzukida

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Exploring the Influence of Cognitive and Sociopsychological Factors on Second Language Speech Learning

Ever wondered why some language learners effortlessly master a new language while others struggle? This session will answer this question by exploring a range of factors in learning to speak foreign languages, especially in terms of speaking.

Dr. Suzukida will give an overview of past research investigating the individual differences among language learners. Together with Dr. Suzukida, participants will explore the key factors that contribute to becoming better communicators and reducing foreign accents, from the impact of classroom instruction to the learners' mindset.

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