

# Pre-Conference Workshops

Seoul, Korea, July 1-2

Venue: Seoul National University



The LTRC 2013 Seoul Committee is pleased to offer **five pre-conference workshops** on a wide range of topics to meet the needs of the language testing and education community. Engaging and thought-provoking instruction by world-class scholars and professionals will guarantee a worthwhile learning experience leading into the main conference.

Workshops	July 1	July 2
1 - Speaking	09:00 - 17:00	
2 - Writing	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 16:00
3 - CDA	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 17:00
4 - EQSIRT		09:00 - 17:00
5 - ELP Tests	09:00 - 17:00	

## W 1: Rating Scales and Raters in Speaking

**Assessment** (July 1, 09:00-17:00,)

This workshop addresses the principles and development of scoring criteria and rater training for speaking assessments. Participants will have hands-on training and receive valuable tips for ensuring validity and quality. Instructors: **Dr. Gad S. Lim** and **Dr. Evelina D. Galaczi**, *Cambridge English Language Assessment*

## W 2: Defining and Assessing Writing Ability: Best Practices and Current Issues in Classroom and Large-Scale Writing Assessment

(July 1, 09:00-17:00; July 2, 09:00-16:00)

Participants will gain comprehensive insight on designing writing assessments for classroom and large-scale situations, from leading experts in the field. Computer scoring and portfolio assessment will also be covered. Instructors: **Dr. Sara Cushing Weigle**, *Georgia State University*, and **Dr. Lynda Taylor**, *University of Bedfordshire*

## W 3: Cognitive Diagnostic Assessment: Modeling and Application

(July 1 & 2, 09:00-17:00)

This workshop will help you understand the field of Cognitive Diagnostic Modeling (CDM), an advanced psychometric approach for assessing cognitive skills. The CDM workshop will be useful for those participants who are interested in cognitive diagnosis, and who have some familiarity with IRT and/or CTT.

Instructors: **Dr. Eunice Eunhee Jang**, *University of Toronto*, and **Dr. Jimmy de la Torre**, *Rutgers University*

## W 4: Item Response Theory Modeling with EQSIRT

(July 2, 09:00-17:00)

The designers of EQSIRT will guide participants in discussions on dimensionality assessment and various IRT modeling techniques. A temporary EQSIRT license will be provided to promote hands-on experiences and to facilitate the discussions.

Instructors: **Dr. Peter M. Bentler**, *UCLA*, and **Eric Wu**, *Multivariate Software Inc.*

## W 5: Developing English Language Proficiency Tests: An Integrated Framework for Understanding the Steps

(July 1, 09:00-17:00)

Participants will explore the integrated steps in developing an English language proficiency test. Particular attention will be given to the stages preceding the operationalization of the language test such as developing specifications, creating prototypes, making the test operational, and etc.

Instructor: **Dr. Dorry M. Kenyon**, *Center for Applied Linguistics*

Please visit the LTRC 2013 website for further details on these workshops: [www.ltrc2013.or.kr](http://www.ltrc2013.or.kr).