

Languages for Specific Purposes in Higher Education

11th conference – 1st & 2nd September 2026

Lancaster, UK

Day 1 - Tuesday 1st September

9.15-9.45 Registration

9.45-10.00 Welcome

10.00-11.00 Keynote by Dr Timothy Douglas (Senior Lecturer in Biochemical Engineering, Lancaster University)

*The best language of science: anything except English as a Lingua Franca (ELF)
or rather English for Generic Foreigners (EGF):
enjoy the banquet of Languages Other Than English (LOTEs)*

11.00-11.15 Coffee break

11.15-12.45 Panel 1 – Exploring Languages for Specific Purposes in a STEM context

Dr Iria González-Becerra - *From Specific Purposes to Specific Becomings: drafting the value of LOTEs for STEM learners*

Dr Yuki Yasumura - *Teaching Japanese Science Students in English: Integrating Cognitive Linguistic Approaches*

Dr Martin Kantus – *Intercultural Communication as a unifying framework for designing a combined Business & Entrepreneurship and Aerospace Engineering ESP module*

12.45-14.00 Lunch break & networking

14.00-15.00 Panel 2 – Challenges and Opportunities in designing Assessment

Dr Marina Micke - *Embedding LSP in General Language Courses through Inclusive Assessment Design*

Ilse Renaudie & Claire Cuminatto - *Students' perceptions of group-based learning through authentic assessment and partnership with local start-ups*

15.00-15.15 Coffee break

15.15-16.00 Workshop – **Dr Derek Hird & Dr Benjamin Dalton**

Building the Sciences and Cultures lab

16.00-16.10 Close

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Day 2 - Wednesday 2nd September

9.30-10.30 Roundtable chaired by Dr Benjamin Dalton (Lecturer in French Studies, Lancaster University)

Building a Multilingual Medical Humanities Community

10.30-10.45 Coffee break

10.45-12.15 Panel 3 – Embedding LSP in the Curriculum. What can we learn?

Gaelle Flower - *Role-Play and Case-Based Learning in French for Healthcare Professionals*

Benoit Guilbaud & Patricia Couturas - *Reflections on the design & delivery of a bespoke LSP course*

Cinzia Bacilieri - *Developing Multidisciplinary LSP Curricula for Italian and Art History: the collaborative approach*

12.15-13.30 Lunch break & networking

13.30-14.30 Panel 4 – The Importance of Skill-based learning

Dr Alison Long - *Targeted LSP provision for Interpreter Training*

Aloisia Sens - *Developing students' skills through virtual exchange*

14.30-15.00 Closing remarks