MAY 8th

Foreign Accent Workshop
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SYMPOSIUM

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PROGRAMME FRIDAY, MAY 8

8.30–9.00 Registration

9.00–9.10 Opening

9.10–10.10 Prof. Thorsten Piske (Friederich-Alexander University, Germany)

Factors affecting the perception and production of L2 speech: Research results and their implications for teaching

10.10–11.10 Prof. Tracey Derwing (University of Alberta, Canada)

Putting an accent on the positive: New directions for L2 pronunciation research and instruction

11.10–11.40 Coffee Break

11.40–12.20 Dr. Mª Luisa García Lecumberri (Universidad del País Vasco/EHU)

Dissecting foreign accent: segmental characteristics of Spanish accented English

12.20–13.20 Prof. Jane Setter (University of Reading, United Kingdom)

Prosody matters: English intonation, prominence and speech rhythm in English Language Teaching

13.20–15.10 Lunch Break/Coffee

15.10–16.10 Dr. Catia Cucciariini: (Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands)

Second language pronunciation: The contribution of speech technology to assessment and training

16.10–17.00 Panel discussion with audience participation

17.00 Conference close
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