



ALTE Language Testing Courses

The ALTE Introductory Course in Language Testing 2008

The course will be taught by Dr Lynda Taylor, Consultant to University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, and Professor Cyril Weir of the University of Bedfordshire.

Participants are expected to have a professional interest in language testing, though are not expected to have a profound knowledge of the subject area.

Dates: Sept 15 - 19, 2008

Location: City of Prague Language School, Czech Republic

Cost: Estimated cost of tuition 800 Euros (700 Euros for ALTE Members and Affiliates)

The syllabus will incorporate some or all of the following topics. The syllabus will be tailored to meet the requirements of the participants and will focus on the practical application of testing and assessment theory.

- introducing basic assessment principles and practice, including key socio-cognitive factors*
- understanding the test production process*
- writing test materials, particularly for testing reading (receptive) and speaking (productive) skills*
- managing test delivery, including marking, post-test analysis and score-reporting*
- building the test validity argument and the research agenda*
- engaging with test stakeholders, including issues of ethics and fairness*

Some prior reading will be issued to participants before the course.