



ALTE Language Testing Courses

ALTE course in testing Writing 2008

The course will be taught by Dr Hanan Khalifa, Principal Co-Ordinator, Research and Validation, University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, and Dr. Evelina Galaczi, Validation Officer, University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations.

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 22 – 25, 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 be tailored to meet the requirements of the participants and will focus on the practical application of testing theory and assessment. It will incorporate the following subjects:

- A model of writing ability and a framework for testing writing*
- Test design and production – format and task types*
- The rating process – assessment scales and criteria, rating behaviour and monitoring*
- Writing tests and the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)*
- The validation of writing tests and the development of a research agenda.*

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