

Teaching in English Lunchtime Gatherings: Diversity and Meeting Student Needs



“Take this *scary* away from me!”

-Dealing with students with special needs

Facilitator: Chantal Hemmi

The purpose of these sessions is to share teaching methods in English among instructors.

In this session, Chantal Hemmi will first present a summary of actual cases from her teaching at Center for Language Education and Research at Sophia University. She first presents a poem to show a snapshot of what happened with a student in distress at the beginning of term. In the poem, we explore our understanding about students with different needs and anxieties; how at times we are biased by their behaviour upon our first meeting, and how challenging it is to accommodate them, taking into consideration their needs and equal opportunities in the class where students with diverse learning aims and needs study together.

Secondly, Chantal will present two more cases in the form of a handout, to describe the problem of the students with a special need. For each case, she presents how she dealt with them, and how the students achieved/ did not achieve the course requirements followed by her reflections of the actions taken in class. In groups participants will be asked to critically examine each case and discuss how you deal would deal with them, referring to your actual practice, where possible.

Finally, some tips of advice and comments on the cases from the Counselling Center about how to deal with students with special needs will be given. We hope that this sharing session on creating a safe environment for students with special needs will open a further dialogue in future about equal opportunities for students in a diverse and global learning environment at Sophia University.

For the sake of ensuring confidentiality of the students, the facilitator will avoid referring to the Blocks (time-slots) of the courses mentioned in this talk.

Pseudonyms will be used and the names of departments will not be referred to.

MAY 24 WED
12:40-13:20
Room 2-207a

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FD Committee will prepare a light meal for participants.

Please contact us in advance.

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