

# Teaching English in Multilingual Contexts: Current Challenges, Future Directions

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The 5th International seminar entitled Teaching English in Multilingual Contexts: Current Challenges, Future Directions was organized by the Centre of English Language, the Aga Khan University, at the AKUH. The two-day conference was aimed to identify problems of second language learners in multilingual contexts and propose some regional solutions compatible with the real world needs. The current practices of English teaching should be pushed forward in tandem with the increasing utility of technology in learning and the diverse needs of the learners.

Forty-eight featured and other sessions were held in parallel. Experts from all around the world delivered their papers. Representing the KIET, I presented my

paper entitled 'A rating scale for the assessment of writing skills'. The emphasis of the paper was on the significance of rating scales and their utility in writing assessment of second language. It was well received and has been nominated for publication as a chapter in a forthcoming book of Cambridge Publishing. The invaluable part of the conference has been discussions of contemporary language issues in the acclaimed sphere of international English language teaching experts.

Attended by people from various countries, the conference was closed on 19 April on a note of ways to English language learning outside classroom.