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## 9<sup>th</sup> ELT CONFERENCE

### WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE?

INSPIRING MINDS & CREATING LASTING IMPACT IN ELT

RAMADA HOTEL

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# FOREWORD

Dear Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 9th ELT Conference, hosted by Antalya Bilim University School of Foreign Languages at Ramada Hotel Antalya City Centre on May 10th, 2025. With the theme “**What’s Our Next Move? Inspiring Minds & Creating Lasting Impact in ELT**” this year’s conference invites us to pause, reflect, and reimagine the future of language education.

Effective teaching is an ever-evolving craft. It challenges us to understand our learners deeply, to design lessons that motivate and engage, and to respond with creativity and care. This conference offers a space to explore new perspectives, share experiences, and grow together as a community of passionate educators.

We extend our warmest thanks to all presenters, participants, and sponsors who have helped bring this event to life. We hope today’s sessions spark fresh ideas and lasting connections that enrich your teaching journey.

Best regards,



# CONFERENCE AGENDA

12:45 - 13:15	<b>Registration</b>
13:15 - 13:30	<b>Rector Prof. Dr. Semih Ekercin</b> <i>Opening Remarks</i>
13:30 - 14:30	<b>Beril Ayman Yücel</b> <i>Teaching with Heart and Tech: Nurturing SEL in the Age of AI</i>
14:30 - 14:45	<b>Coffee Break</b> 
14:45 - 15:45	<b>Steven J Ogden</b> <i>Making Learning Memorable Using Whole-Brain Teaching Approaches</i>
15:45 - 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b> 
16:00 - 17:00	<b>İlkem Kayıcan Dipcin</b> <i>Beyond AI: Teachers as Architects of Meaningful Learning in ELT</i>
17:05 - 17:30	<b>Raffle</b>
17:30 - 17:45	<b>Closing Remarks</b>



## BERİL AYMAN YÜCEL

Beril Ayman Yücel has been an ELT professional for 34 years, working as an instructor, teacher trainer, textbook writer, and administrator. She holds a B.A. in ELT and an MSc in Educational Sciences from Middle East Technical University. Over the span of 26 years, she contributed significantly at the university level. She also served as the Foreign Languages Director at the Turkish Education Association (TED) Headquarters and worked with K-12 schools located in different cities in Türkiye. Now a freelance ELT consultant and trainer, she co-coordinates TESOL Türkiye's Teacher Education & Development SIG. Beril has led numerous teacher training projects, presented at conferences, and published articles and book chapters.

### **Abstract:**

#### ***Teaching with Heart and Tech: Nurturing SEL in the Age of AI***

As artificial intelligence becomes increasingly integrated into language education, teachers are presented with powerful tools that can personalize learning, automate feedback, and support student progress. However, amidst this technological advancement, it is important to remember the human and emotional aspects of education. This session invites educators to explore how Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) can be harmoniously integrated with AI-powered tools to create more meaningful, compassionate, and connected language learning experiences.

We will examine the essential role of SEL in developing emotionally intelligent, resilient, and empathetic learners who can handle not only the mechanics of language but also the complexities of communication in a digital age through practical strategies and activities. Participants will leave with insights into designing lessons that embrace both heart and tech—ensuring that their students not only become proficient language users but also emotionally grounded individuals capable of engaging thoughtfully and responsibly in a world that is changing rapidly.



## STEVEN J. OGDEN

I'm a teacher, teacher educator, consultant, writer and publisher with an insatiable appetite for personal and professional growth. For more than 25 years, I have been very fortunate to have lived and worked in some amazing places! In this time, I have held a variety of academic roles (teacher, coordinator, trainer) at institutions across the Middle East, Japan, Sri Lanka, the UK and Turkey. For the last fifteen years, I have worked in ELT publishing as an examination's writer, teacher educator, sales manager and academic director. I currently manage various publishing projects and write course materials and resources for some of the leading ELT publishers. I also work part-time as a training consultant for a global petrochemical company. When time permits, I run bespoke training courses for K-12 teachers nationally and internationally.

### **Abstract:**

#### ***Making Learning Memorable Using Whole-Brain Teaching Approaches***

This practical session aims to explore some of the latest scientific research regarding how the brain learns best and retention of new information happens in order for us to examine how we can incorporate simple tasks into our teaching that increase engagement and make learning more memorable. At the heart of this session are a series of hands-on, interactive story-based activities which aim to demonstrate ways we can create a highly energetic learning experience using principles based around social-emotional learning and neuroscience. These activities help provide the context for discussion and reflection and a then a springboard into a variety of fun, quick-fire 'blast' type techniques that you can use and adapt (hopefully!) yourselves from Monday morning onwards. Very much looking forward to seeing you there!



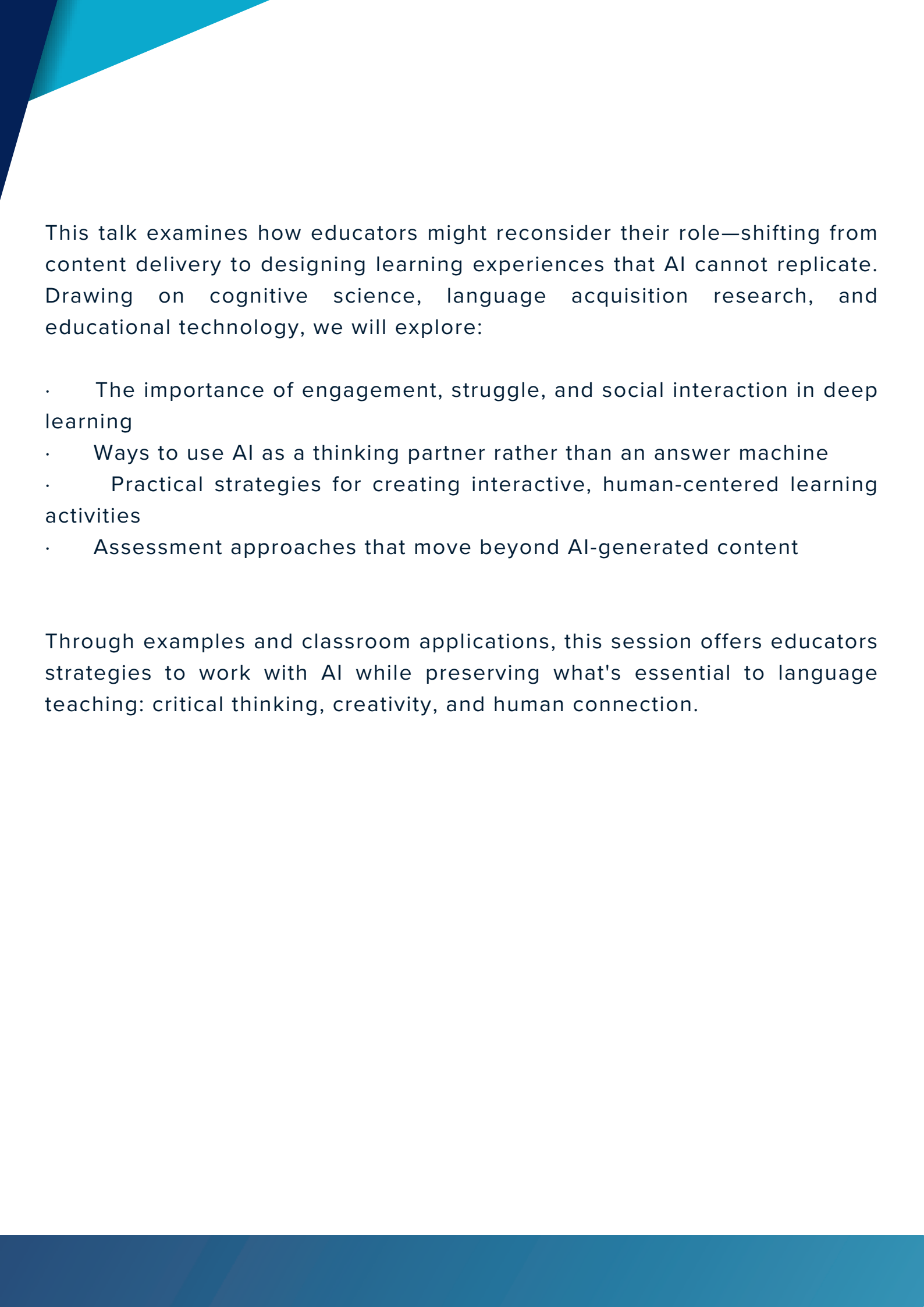
## İLKEM KAYICAN DİPCİN

Ilkem Kayıcan Dıpcin is an award-winning educator and the recipient of the 2023 EAQUALS Teacher of the Year Award. With over 15 years of experience in education, she currently serves as an EAP Instructor at Sabanci University, where she specializes in developing innovative teaching methodologies and professional development programs. Her expertise encompasses curriculum development, writing center management, and the strategic integration of AI in education. As a key member of Sabanci University's Professional Development Team, Ilkem works as a cross-sector AI strategist, designing and delivering training programs that help educators navigate the intersection of traditional teaching methods and emerging technologies. She has completed specialized AI-focused programs, including Stanford's Ethics, Technology, and Public Policy course and Cambridge University's AI-Powered Learning Science Bootcamp. Ilkem has led numerous workshops internationally, including sessions on AI integration in education at Bogazici University, University of Naples, and Zurich University of Applied Sciences. Her current research focuses on critical digital literacy, generative AI literacy in education, and creating ethical frameworks for technology integration in language teaching. Ilkem has a major in English Language and Literature and holds a master's degree in Cultural Studies, she has completed specialized training in teaching methodologies from leading institutions.

### **Abstract:**

#### ***Beyond AI: Teachers as Architects of Meaningful Learning in ELT***

As AI transforms education, English language teachers face a fundamental question: What's our next move? When AI can generate essays, provide translations, and simulate conversations, what remains distinctly human in teaching and learning?



This talk examines how educators might reconsider their role—shifting from content delivery to designing learning experiences that AI cannot replicate. Drawing on cognitive science, language acquisition research, and educational technology, we will explore:

- The importance of engagement, struggle, and social interaction in deep learning
- Ways to use AI as a thinking partner rather than an answer machine
- Practical strategies for creating interactive, human-centered learning activities
- Assessment approaches that move beyond AI-generated content

Through examples and classroom applications, this session offers educators strategies to work with AI while preserving what's essential to language teaching: critical thinking, creativity, and human connection.





## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Registration**

Please take your badges from the registration desk before you proceed to the conference hall.

### **Help and Assistance**

ABU Staff will be available to assist you throughout the organization.

### **Catering**

Tea, coffee and light snacks will be served during the breaks outside the conference hall.

### **Certificates of Participation**

All conference participants will be given a certificate of attendance at the end of the day.

### **Feedback Forms**

We would really be pleased to receive your invaluable feedback. Please scan the QR Code on the screen at the end of the conference to access the conference feedback form.

For further questions, please send an e-mail to [elt.events@antalya.edu.tr](mailto:elt.events@antalya.edu.tr)





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