



## IST03 Programme, Aston University 30th January – 2nd February 2023



School of  
Social Sciences  
and Humanities

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2023	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
<p>Arrival in Birmingham at various times during the day <b>Hotel: Premier Inn Birmingham New Street (2-min walk from the station)</b></p> <p><b>2 pm</b> Nur, Muna and Shrook will meet colleagues who are arriving on LH flight from Munich at the hotel lobby</p> <p><b>2:15 pm</b> Coffee and cake at Boston Tea Party (BTP) Short visit to Aston University Campus and the Reception to collect guest cards</p>	<p><b>9.30 am</b> Meeting for all at <b>Conference Aston</b></p> <p><b>Coffee Lounge area – Lower lounge</b></p>	<p><b>9:30 am – 11 am (Main Building, MB247)</b> <b>Writing bootcamp</b></p> <p>Bring your laptop, your fresh ideas and eagerness to proceed further with the writing of outputs!</p>	<p><b>9 am – 11 am Microteaching (Main Building, MB247)</b></p> <p>O3 material preparation. Collection of pre- and post-sojourn activities (participants to demonstrate 1 or 2 activities they conducted with their students to raise intercultural awareness)</p>
	<p><b>10 am – 10:45 am</b> <b>Welcome session (Conference Aston, Room 3)</b></p> <p>Dr Virginie Grzelczyk, Head of School of Social Sciences and Humanities</p> <p>Dr Marcello Giovanelli, Head of English, Languages and Applied Linguistics</p>	<p><b>11:45 am – 1 pm (Main Building, MB247)</b> <b>Writing bootcamp</b></p> <p>Bring your laptop, your fresh ideas and eagerness to proceed further with the writing of outputs</p>	<p><b>11.30 am -12:30 pm (Main Building, MB247)</b> Partner institutions to informally present (i.e. without ppts):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an outline of courses taught to STEs and NQTs in their institutions,</li> </ul> <p>and give</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a summary of learning outcomes of what is taught</li> </ul>

	Dr Helena Lohrová TEFE Project lead, University of South Bohemia  <b>10:45 – 11:15 am Coffee and pastries at the Coffee lounge area</b>		
	<b>11:15 am – 1 pm</b> <b>Summary of outputs (01, 02, 03, 04)</b> 15-min presentations by each output team, focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of output drafts</li> <li>• Challenges (past and present)</li> <li>• Next steps - needs/collaboration/scheduling</li> </ul>		
	<b>1 pm – 2 pm</b> <b>Lunch (a selection of sandwiches, crisps and fruit)</b>	<b>1 pm – 2 pm</b> <b>Buffet lunch</b> <b>Conference Aston – main restaurant</b>	<b>1 – 1:45 pm</b> <b>Lunch (a selection of sandwiches, crisps and fruit)</b>
Free time from 4 pm until dinnertime	<b>2-3 pm</b> “How can language (awareness) make the world a better place?”  Research talk by Erika Darics (please see abstract further below)	<b>2:15 – 3:15 pm (Main Building, MB247)</b>  <b>Writing bootcamp</b>  Bring your laptop, your fresh ideas and eagerness to proceed further with the writing of outputs	<b>2 – 3:15 pm (Conference Aston, Room 3)</b>  <b>Presentations by 01 and 02 teams</b>  <b>Panel Guest: Professor Sue Garton, Professor of Applied Linguistics (TESOL)</b>
	<b>4-6 pm Observations</b> Introduction to Discourse Analysis module – first year UG programmes in English OR Language Awareness module, MA TESOL programme	<b>3:30 – 4:45</b>  <b>Discussion: The COIL Platform</b>	<b>3:15 – 4:15 pm (Conference Aston, Room 3)</b>  O4 Output Communication and publication, planning ISP03 and the multiplier event, Krakow <i>[The session can be extended till 5 pm if needed]</i>
<b>Dinner at 7:30 pm</b>  Meet at hotel lobby at 7:15 pm to walk to Purecraft Bar & Kitchen <a href="https://www.purecraftbars.com">https://www.purecraftbars.com</a>	<b>Dinner at 6:15 pm</b>  <b>Main restaurant, Conference Aston</b>	<b>Dinner at 7 pm</b>  <b>The Alchemist, Colmore Row</b> <a href="https://thealchemist.uk.com/food/birmingham-colmore-row/">https://thealchemist.uk.com/food/birmingham-colmore-row/</a>	<b>Dinner at 6:30 pm</b>  <b>tbc</b>



**Erika's talk details:**

**Title |** How can language (awareness) make the world a better place?

**Abstract |** Language and communication have a crucial role in shaping the conceptual foundations of our relationship with our physical and social environment, our thinking and importantly, our actions. Language – and other meaning-making systems – have a dual function: on the one hand, they are technical tools to achieve goals, from getting things done at work to persuading the public or from effectively conveying information to motivating others.

On the other hand, language constitutes our social, organisational and even physical reality. Words and symbols produce frames for interpretation, affect perceptions and feelings, create relationships and define identities. This is particularly true for abstract societal issues. For example concepts like 'equality' or 'climate change' are not directly and sensorially experienced: our source of knowledge of these issues is the many-voiced discourse of scientists, activists, commentators, filtered and distorted by traditional and social media.

Becoming aware of this constitutive role of language is crucial in our information-based society, yet language and discourse receives cursory attention (if any) in research and business, scientific or teacher education. In this talk I will make a case for greater language awareness and discourse consciousness: I will explore how the knowledge about language can empower future generations of professionals to question the taken-for-granted, and provide examples of how such awareness can lead to higher level analytical and critical thinking skills, reflexivity and even a heightened sense of morality.