

ESEA Conference 2008

The 13th International Conference on English in Southeast Asia
National Institute of Education, Singapore, 4-6 December 2008

Englishes & Literatures-in-English in a Globalised World

Introduction

The English Language and Literature Academic Group, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, is pleased to announce the 13th International Conference on English in Southeast Asia (ESEA 2008).

The purpose of this series of international conferences is to provide a platform for researchers and educators in Southeast Asia to deliberate on issues pertaining to English Language and Literature in academic, educational and work contexts.

Theme

The phenomenon that we have come to understand as globalisation has led to a marked increase in cultural connections, affiliations and networks around the world. This has led, in turn, to the development and spread of varieties of English Language and Literatures-in-English around the world. The 13th ESEA Conference focuses on the theme of *Englishes and Literatures-in-English in a Globalised World*, and seeks to explore issues pertaining generally to the problems and possibilities of living in a globalised world. Within this broad theme, there will be the following possible strands:

Strands

1. Southeast Asian Varieties of English
2. Southeast Asian Literatures in English
3. Literature and Globalisation
4. Language, Culture and Globalisation
5. New Technologies in Language and Literature Education
6. Critical Literacies in a Globalised World
7. Innovations in Language and Literature Pedagogies
8. English in Home, Academic and Professional Contexts
9. Issues in Teacher Education
10. English Language and Literature in the Media

Call for Papers

The Call for Papers will open on 1 February 2008 and close on 30 June 2008. Acceptance letters will be sent out by 15 August 2008.

Dates and Venue

The conference will be held 4–6 December 2008 (Thursday to Saturday) on the campus of the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. The final day will focus on pedagogy.

Invited Plenary Speakers

B. Kumaravivelu, San José State University, USA
Jean Aitchison, Oxford University, UK
John Ayto, formerly University of Surrey, UK
John McRae, Nottingham University, UK
Rajeev Patke, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Background

The “English in Southeast Asia” (ESEA) Conference series has been held annually since the first conference in Singapore in 1996. The conferences are hosted on a rotational basis and represent the collaboration among the National Institute of Education (Singapore), the University of Malaya (Malaysia), the University of Brunei Darussalam, Curtin University (Australia), Ateneo de Manila University (the Philippines), Hong Kong Baptist University; Hong Kong Institute of Education (Hong Kong), Sanata Dharma University (Indonesia), King Mongkut’s University of Technology Thonburi (Thailand), and Waikato University (New Zealand). Previous ESEA conferences have been held in Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, Australia, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Thailand.

Conference details can be found on the website:
http://www.ell.nie.edu.sg/innerpages/news_n_events/esea/esea.htm
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