

RELO NELTA Online Conference 2020

Teachers for Teachers on Action  
Research, Technology Integration,  
and  
Teacher Training



## **CALLING ALL TEACHERS!**

The Regional English Language Office in the U.S. Embassy Kathmandu and the Nepal English Language Teachers' Association (NELTA) are pleased to present

### **THE TEACHERS FOR TEACHERS ON ACTION RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION, AND TEACHER TRAINING.**

From July 26 to August 01,

English Language Specialist **DR. RAMIN YAZDANPANA**  
and Nepali English language teaching professionals  
will present daily interactive webinars on  
**action research, integrating technology in the classroom, and teacher training.**

#### **Registration link**

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Curtis M. Chan  
Regional English Language Officer  
Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives

Dear English Language Teaching Professionals,

The Regional English Language Office of the United States Embassy Kathmandu is pleased to welcome you to the RELO – NELTA Online Conference 2020: Teachers for Teachers on Action Research, Technology Integration, and Teacher Training. We're thrilled to have English language educators from Nepal and South Asia participating in this seven-day professional development event.

Teachers play a key role in their students' education. Not only are educators responsible for teaching the content, but their efforts also affect their students' motivation and attitude which can shape a student's entire academic career and world view. That is why teacher professional development is so vital. Equipping teachers with the pedagogy and best practices can greatly strengthen a teacher's effectiveness and provide more opportunities for their students to succeed. In pursuit of this goal, the Regional English Language Office and Nepal English Language Teachers' Association collaborated to bring this webinar series to you. During this webinar you will have opportunity to interact with our English Language Specialist and Nepali English language teaching professionals during their presentations. In addition, you will have unique opportunity to network with English language teaching professionals in Nepal and throughout the region.

I would like to express my gratitude to our presenters -- English Language Specialist Dr. Ramin Yazdanpanah, Mr. Nara Prasad Bhandari, Ms. Ritu Kumari Tiwary, Dr. Dinesh Kumar Yadav, Ms. Manuka Adhikari, Mr. Rameshwar Thakur, Dr. Nabaraj Neupane, Ms. Pratiskha Gautam, Mr. Gopal Prasad Bashyal, Mr. Bishnu Kumar Khadka, Ms. Kalpana Paudel, Mr. Ramji Hamal, and Mr. Laxman Datta Bhatta. I would also like to thank Nepal English Language Teachers' Association for their collaboration on this project. And finally, I would like to thank you, the dedicated English language professionals, for your commitment to your own professional development and to the profession of teaching.

I wish you an excellent conference!



Motikala Subba Dewan  
President  
NELTA

After imposing a nationwide lockdown on March 24 by the Nepal government due to COVID 19, most of the educational institutions (both private and public) have been completely closed forcing teachers and students to stay home. During this extraordinary period, NELTA has become more vibrant. One after another, NELTA 7 provinces and NELTA Branches have conducted online training, webinars, and conferences and NELTA does not stop here. With the support of the RELO, the US Embassy Kathmandu, NELTA is pleased to offer this significant 7-day live webinar “Teachers for Teachers on Action Research, Technology Integration and Teacher Training” from 26 July to 1st August 2020 for the 7 provinces and all 55 branches teachers, (more than 4800 life members of NELTA).

It is my immense pleasure to welcome Dr. Ramin Yazdanpanah, English Language Specialist, US Embassy, Director FULL CIRCLE Language Learning, LLC who will lead the webinar series along with the NELTA presenters from each province. The objectives of the webinars are to enhance the professional competencies and digital literacy and to minimize the digital gap in teaching and learning. The topics of this webinar series range from the teachers’ identity to professional strategies in teaching, from conceptualizing and conducting action research to integrating technology with classroom content. I hope this webinar series will enable you to access online learning materials and you will best utilize or cascade the learnt skills to address future challenges in virtual classroom teaching and learning in your areas. COVID-19 has provided us an opportunity to explore the ground that we had not covered before. I would like to request you all to participate actively in this webinar.

On behalf of NELTA, I would like to express our gratitude to Mr. Curtis Chan, RELO, and Mr. Bishwa Raj Gautam, RELO Program Specialist, US Embassy for their effort and support to materialize it. Likewise, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Ramin Yazdanpanah, English Language Specialist, for facilitating the webinar and all the NELTA presenters from provinces and branches. Finally, I wish you all the best for the success of the webinar! Be safe and stay safe!



**Dr. Ramin Yazdanpanah**  
English Language Specialist, U.S.  
Embassy, Kathmandu  
Director  
FULL CIRCLE Language  
Learning, LLC

### Key Presenter Introduction

Dr. Ramin Yazdanpanah works as the Director of FULL CIRCLE Language Learning, LLC. He holds a doctorate from Florida State University for his research on developing intercultural competence within English language teacher programs through focused intercultural exchanges with English language learners. He has over twenty years of experience as an English language teacher and over a decade of experience as a teacher educator. Dr. Yazdanpanah served as the TEFL-Certificate Program Director at the Center for Intensive Studies (CIES) at Florida State University. He recently completed a Fellowship with the U.S. State Department in Vietnam, where he taught and developed courses and curriculum at Thai Nguyen University and facilitated workshops throughout the country. He continues to serve as a consultant to the U.S. State Department's English Language Programs, as well with the Learning Systems Institute at Florida State University, and TESOL International Association. Dr. Yazdanpanah has delivered numerous presentations and workshops on English language teaching and research, most recently through the Florida Department of Education on Enhancing Learner-Centered TESOL Instruction in the Zoom Classroom. In addition to his academic work, he also facilitates crosscultural education and exchange through music performances and workshops in the United States and internationally



## *Session abstracts and bio of the NELTA presenters*

**Action Research for Teachers:** The main purpose of this presentation is to share a simplistic model of action research (AR) so that school teachers can participate in the process. It begins with the concept and importance of action research followed by the exploration of policy cum implementation status at schools in brief.



**Mr. Nara Prasad Bhandari**, [bhandarinp2028@gmail.com](mailto:bhandarinp2028@gmail.com) is the president of NELTA, Province-1. He has passed M. Phil. Degree from Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal. He is a lecturer at Sukuna Multiple Campus, Sundarharaincha-12, Mornag.

**Connectivity Technology for Teachers' CPD: Implications and Impacts:** The presentation is based on the personal experience of the needs of CPD (Continuous Professional Development) of teachers to have their perennial existence. It has tried to explore the contribution of connectivity technology for CPD of the novice, in service and even experienced teachers.



**Ms. Ritu Kumari Tiwary** [ritukumarit@gmail.com](mailto:ritukumarit@gmail.com) is a secondary level teacher of English in Janakpur. She has spent more than 10 years in the field of teaching. She was an Access teacher in Janakpur from 2016-2018. She has presented papers on different ELT issues at provincial and national conferences.



**Dr. Dinesh Kumar Yadav "Aastic"** [aastic@gmail.com](mailto:aastic@gmail.com) has been teaching for university levels for two decades. He teaches language and linguistics along with grammar and composition. Mr Yadav is provincial teacher trainer with MTOT. He has presented to national and international conferences and published articles.

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**Evoked Vocabulary Through Technology:** This presentation mainly aims to highlight the significance of technology in evoking vocabulary through some useful digital tools. Mastery of vocabulary teaching and learning thus plays a crucial role in successful comprehension and consolidation. Apart from various techniques developed so far, the emerged technology has proved a milestone in handling this task more effectively and efficiently.



**Ms. Manuka Adhikari** [sathisargam@gmail.com](mailto:sathisargam@gmail.com) has been teaching English at secondary and tertiary levels. She has presented papers in National and International conferences and also published various research-based articles. Currently, she is pursuing M.Phil. from Kathmandu University.



**Mr. Rameshwar Thakur** [rameshwar2035@gmail.com](mailto:rameshwar2035@gmail.com), MPhil in English, has been teaching English up-to graduate levels for 22 years. He has presented papers in conferences and published articles in journals. Currently, he is a permanent secondary-level teacher and a visiting faculty in KU, Dhulikhel. Besides senior vice-president of NELTA Bagmati, he coordinates NELTA Bagmati Journal Committee and is roster trainer at ETC Dhulikhel.

**Shaping the Research Articles: Pathways in Teacher Professionalism:** This presentation will focus on recognition, classification, and illustration of components of research articles; and thus, will open up further avenues for the teachers to conduct research work and to shape their research into the publishable article form.



**Dr. Nabaraj Neupane** [nabarajneupane24@gmail.com](mailto:nabarajneupane24@gmail.com), President of NELTA Gandaki Province is a teacher trainer, and translator. He is an Associate Professor of Tribhuvan University. Recipient of *Nepal Vidhyabhusan Ka*, Dr. Neupane has published five dozen articles from home and abroad.

## *Session abstracts and bio of the NELTA presenters*

**Managing Classroom for Effective Learning in Safe and Emotionally Positive Environment:** It is pivotal employing class building games, activities and develop positive relationship, constructive, positive and safe learning environment & sense of belonging. This presentation will pinpoint strategies to make the learning effective, safe and emotionally positive.



**Ms. Pratiksha Gautam** [seepratiksha@gmail.com](mailto:seepratiksha@gmail.com), teacher trainer, counselor, motivational speaker and author of child-friendly story books, holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Development and an MA Degree in Child Development. She has presented at national and international conferences and workshops.



**Mr. Gopal Prasad Bashyal** [gopalbashyal@gmail.com](mailto:gopalbashyal@gmail.com) is a Roster Trainer at Education Training Centre, Palpa. He is Senior Vice President of NELTA in Province # 5. Mr. Bashyal has M. Ed in English, CELTA, and E-Teacher. Mr. Bashyal has participated at Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA) program of the U.S. Embassy.

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**Introducing ICT based pedagogy in EFL Classroom: Opportunities and Challenges:** The presenters share the theoretical and empirical literature on ICT based pedagogy and brief analysis and findings of opportunities and challenges of ICT based pedagogy in the EFL context of Nepali Education and invite questions from the participants.



**Mr. Bishnu Kumar Khadka** [luckybishnu@gmail.com](mailto:luckybishnu@gmail.com) is an Assistant Professor of English Education and he is currently working as an Assistant Dean of Faculty of Education, Mid-Western University, Surkhet, Nepal. He is central committee member cum President of Nepal English Language Teachers' Association (NELTA), Karnali province committee.



**Ms. Kalpana Paudel** [pklapana2@gmail.com](mailto:pklapana2@gmail.com) is the faculty of English Education at the Central Campus of Education, Mid-Western University, Surkhet, Nepal and was a teacher of English Access Microscholarship Program of the U.S. Embassy.

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**Teaching: Speaking action oriented:** The focus of the presentation will be on the challenges ESL teachers face while teaching speaking skills in the classroom and the ways out to overcome them practically. The major take away from the presentation is diverse action-oriented activities for teaching primary-productive skill i.e. speaking skill.



**Mr. Ramji Hamal** [ramjihamal@gmail.com](mailto:ramjihamal@gmail.com), the President of NELTA Sudur Paschim Province #7 is the Principal of Stepping stone English School, Dhangadhi. He is a District Department Chief of Lions Club International 325B2. Mr. Hamal has an M.A. in English and has participated at national and international training, conferences and workshops.



**Mr. Laxman Datta Bhatta**, [ldbhatta45@gmail.com](mailto:ldbhatta45@gmail.com) the Chairperson of NELTA Kailai, is the Head Teacher of Shree Dhangadhi Model Technical Secondary School and a roaster trainer of Education Training Center, Kailali. Mr. Bhatta has earned master's degrees in English Literature and Education from TU. He presented a paper in TESOL-NELTA International Conference and Symposium 2019 in Kathmandu.

Date / Lead Province	5:30-5:44	5:45-6:40 PM	6:45-7:40 PM	7:45-8:30 PM
July 26	Check-in and welcome by RELO, NELTA and the province	Creating a Community of Learning through Task and Project-based activities Ramin Yazdanpanah	Connectivity Technology for Teachers' CPD: Implications and Impacts Rithu Tiwary, Dinesh Yadav	Interaction on creating community of learning and activities
July 27		Teaching: Speaking action oriented Ramji Hamal, Laxman Bhatta	Scaffolding Instruction for Focused Feedback Ramin Yazdanpanah	Interaction on focused feedback and speaking activities
July 28		Platforms for teaching: A focus on Zoom Ramin Yazdanpanah	Evoke vocabulary through technology Manuka Adhikari, Rameshwar Thakur	Interaction on technology tools to teach vocabulary
July 29		Introducing ICT based pedagogy in EFL Classroom: Opportunities and Challenges Bishnu Khadka, Kalpana Paudel	Flipping the Classroom with Facebook Ramin Yazdanpanah	Interaction on social media as the tools of flipped-pedagogy
July 30		Low-Tech and Lots of Fun: Engaging activities for the classroom Ramin Yazdanpanah	Managing Classroom for Effective Learning in Safe and Emotionally Positive Environment Pratiksha Gautam, Gopal Basyal	Interaction on engaging activities in low-tech and inflexible classroom set up
July 31		Action Research for Teachers NP Bhandari	Action Research Part 1: Inquire, Plan and Act Ramin Yazdanpanah	Interaction on the use of tools of action research
August 1		Action Research Part 2: Observe, Analyze and Share Ramin Yazdanpanah	Shaping the Research Articles: Pathways in Teacher Professionalism Nabaraj Neupane	Interaction on identifying issues for action research for journal article.