

AULC Annual Conference and AGM

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Parallel session speakers

Please note the session will last 45 minutes. You should aim to include 15 minutes for questions and discussion with delegates.

Speaker name(s) and institution(s):	Benoit Guilbaud, University of Manchester Martin Kantus, University of Cambridge David Tual, University of Cambridge
Title of session:	What's so special about LSP?
Abstract (max 250 words):	
<p>Languages for Specific purposes (LSP) are frequently regarded as a sub-category of language teaching, considered to differ from general courses only by presenting a specific terminological focus. Whilst extensive research has been conducted in the field of English for Specific Purposes (ESP), the area of language teaching for specific purposes within other modern foreign languages remains largely to be explored. Within this remit, this presentation sets out to provide a clearer definition of LSP and to establish a more comprehensive set of characteristics. Looking at a national context of increasingly diverse demand from our students and their prospective employers, the speakers will reflect on the role LSP can play alongside general language courses. The multi-faceted dimension of LSP courses will be considered, from their linguistic features to the social and cultural elements they should include. Issues surrounding course design and materials will be also be discussed. Finally, this will lead to a reflection around the tutor's role and considerations of other practical issues surrounding LSP courses. Examples from existing provisions including engineering and medical language courses, respectively at Cambridge and Manchester Universities, will be used to illustrate some of the points above.</p>	