



Oxford Language Teachers' Conference 2024



Sir Robert Taylor Society *Enriching Modern Languages Teaching*

Somerville College | Friday 27 – Saturday 28 September 2024

All sessions will take place in the Flora Anderson Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Friday 27th September

- 2pm Arrival, registration, and check in
- 2.30 Welcome and introductions
- 2.45 Building Bridges Roundtable: Schools and Universities Working Together
A roundtable discussion on current issues within MFL teaching from KS3 to degree level, with a panel of academics and teachers as well as contributions from the floor.
- 4.00 Afternoon tea
- 4.30 Schools Booker Prize project
Prof. Catriona Seth, Professor of French Literature, explores how a Booker Prize for Schools could help to showcase the importance of language learning and raise the profile of language and literature studies.
- 5.00 Careers and Modern Languages, with keynote speaker Elizabeth Peck
Recent MML graduate, Elizabeth, shares her experience of studying French & Russian at Oxford and explores how learning languages has shaped her personal and professional life.
- 5.45 'Franz Kafka's Communities'
A short taster lecture from Dr Ian Ellison, post-doctoral researcher on the AHRC-funded ['Kafka's Transformative Communities' Research Project](#), with time for questions.
- 6.30 Break
- 7.00 Pre-dinner drinks
- 7.30 Seating for dinner; Dining Hall
- 9pm onwards After-dinner drinks; Terrace bar

Saturday 28th September

- 9.00am Creative translation workshops; Flora Anderson Hall & MTC Lecture Room
A first-hand experience of the highly successful Creative Translation workshops designed and delivered by the [Queen's Translation Exchange](#) (Directed by Dr Charlotte Ryland), and information about engaging your students in the annual Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators.
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 10.45 A-Level Literature Circus: The Language of the Text
Academics from the Faculty discuss ways in which an area of language teaching can be used as a starting point for textual analysis in texts on the A-Level curricula for French (Tartuffe), German (Die Verwandlung), and Spanish (Como agua para chocolate).
- 12 noon Admissions 101
An introduction to Oxford's admissions process for Modern Languages degrees, featuring a mock interview with a current undergraduate and a Q&A.
- 12.45pm Lunch; Dining Hall
- 1.30pm End of conference