

Newsletter

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British Association of Teachers of Arabic

The First Series of BATA Webinars

Teaching Arabic Online: Opportunities and Challenges.

The British Association of Teachers of Arabic is very pleased to announce its first series of Virtual Webinars that are designed to provide an opportunity to Arabic teachers and educators to collaborate and share best practices across the wide network of Arabic teachers in the UK and beyond, with the aim of strengthening the field of Arabic language teaching and learning and supporting teachers and learners during these challenging times.

The theme of the first series focuses on Teaching Arabic online. This series will offer colleagues a platform to explore the opportunities and challenges of delivering Arabic teaching online. It is composed of three online webinars delivered by experienced educators in Language Teaching. Webinars are **free** for delegates, but priority will be given to BATA members and subscribers, so please subscribe if you have not done so!

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**RSVP the first webinar hosted by BATA and delivered by
Dr. Mohammed Dayoub on 23th of June at 5-6:30 pm**

Designing and Conducting Assessment Online

For information about registration follow the link below

<https://britisharabicteaching.org/bata-webinars/>

Mohammed Dayoub is a teaching fellow at University of Warrick. He graduated from Damascus University. He pursued his postgraduate studies in the UK and specialised in phonetics, phonology and conversation analysis in both Arabic and in English. He started work at Warwick Language Centre since 1991 as a part-time tutor and contributed to the development of Arabic within the centre. In 2013, he focused on Technology Enhanced Learning and Teaching. He gained substantial experience in this area and helped various departments at Warwick to migrate their modules from Sitebuidr into Moodle. He worked at various universities, including Kings College and some of his other roles include external examination of Arabic programmes at Reading University, UEA and Regents University London. He is also a Principal Examiner and consultant for Cambridge International Examination (CIE). Currently, He became an accredited trainer for CIE, developing Arabic teacher training packages that are used worldwide.



RSVP the second webinar hosted by BATA and delivered by *Joe Dale* on 21th of July at 5-6:30 pm

Teaching online: Explore different online tools

For further information please follow the link

<https://britisharabicteaching.org/bata-webinars/>

Joe Dale is an independent languages consultant who works with a range of organisations such as Network for Languages, ALL, The British Council, the BBC, Skype, Microsoft and The Guardian. He was host of the TES MFL forum for six years, former SSAT Languages Lead Practitioner, a regular conference speaker and recognised expert on technology and language learning. He has spoken at conferences and run training courses in Europe, North America, South America, the Middle East, the Far East and Australasia. He was a member of the Ministerial Steering Group on languages for the coalition UK government and advised on the Linguanet Worldwide project for The Language Company.



RSVP the third webinar hosted by BATA and delivered by *Mahammed Bouabdallah* in September

Teaching Arabic on Social Media

For further information please follow the link below

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Mahammed Bouabdallah is lecturer in Arabic in the School of Humanities. He has been teaching Arabic at the University of Westminster since 2009. He has taught Arabic for Specific Purposes and General Arabic at all levels. He taught Arabic at SOAS, UCL and Kings College. His research interests are primarily based around the area of Arabic teaching (Arabic heritage learners and blended learning in Arabic teaching). He is also interested in Arabic, identity, Islam and politics.



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On behalf of BATA members, we would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to EUP for supporting BATA and its members.

BATA Inaugural International Conference 2020:

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, BATA has made the decision to postpone its 2020 conference, at the University of Leeds, until further notice.

For those of you who have already registered for the conference, registration will still be valid for the rescheduled conference date; refund will also be available. We hope this decision will allow you ample time to make any necessary cancellation of your travel plans.

BATA will continue to invite abstracts for the conference, and we hope to announce a new date for the conference as soon as we are able to. Please send your abstract to bata@leeds.ac.uk

The second series of webinars will be announced during autumn term. Keep watching this space for more updates on the next theme of BATA webinars.