

About Salamanca

TESOL-SPAIN is proud to hold its annual convention in **Salamanca**, whose Old City was declared a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** in 1988. If you have the chance to walk around the city over the Convention weekend, you will be fascinated by the blend of **historical atmosphere and the buzz of a university city**.

Some of the landmarks not to be missed include the **Plaza Mayor, the Cathedrals, Old and New, the Clerecía, Casa de las Conchas, Museo Casa Lis**, to name but a few. Salamanca is also full of pubs and restaurants where you can enjoy typical delicious tapas as well as international cuisine.

The convention site, the **Facultad de Filología of the Universidad de Salamanca (USAL)** is in the heart of the city and can easily be reached on foot from most hotels.

About TESOL-SPAIN

- Founded in 1977
- Independent non-profit making Spanish association of English language teachers
- Nation-wide organization with a membership that represents all sectors and regions of English language teaching in the country
- A forum for colleagues to meet and share ideas
- Aims to keep members abreast of current concerns
- Works to improve the quality and effectiveness of English language education in Spain
- Workshops and other events in different parts of the country throughout the academic year
- Monthly e-Newsletter

Convention Theme

The 2020 convention theme **Breaking barriers: make it happen, make it matter!** invites us to reflect on the powerful forces that contribute to modern life, including the emergence of Artificial Intelligence with its unforeseeable impact on our lives.

Students must be prepared for the demands of this “brave new world” by learning useful and relevant knowledge, skills, character qualities and learning strategies. However, we face many challenges as educators and the barriers to education are still many and varied and the perceived vulnerability of certain social groups requires timely solutions.

Reaffirming the right to education of every individual, enshrined in the 1948 Declaration of Human Rights and **renewing the commitment of the World Conference on Special Needs Education held in Salamanca in 1994**, TESOL-SPAIN welcomes presentations which deal with creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, multiculturalism, special educational needs and inclusive practices as well as those which are of wide general interest for language teachers working in different sectors and with students of all ages.

INFORMATION

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43rd Annual National Convention

TESOL-SPAIN

Universidad de Salamanca | Facultad de Filología

Salamanca,
6-8 March 2020



Breaking barriers make it happen, make it matter!

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Dates

March 6th - 8th, 2020

Start: Friday 3 pm

Finish: Sunday 3.30 pm

Venue

Facultad de Filología

UNIVERSIDAD DE SALAMANCA

Plaza de Anaya, S/N

37008 Salamanca

Registration

Pre-registration:

- Online form at www.tesol-spain.org
- Available from 1st November, 2019 to 25th February, 2020

Onsite registration:

- Available onsite from 6th March, 2020 at 3 pm to 7th March, 2020 at 12 pm.

Queries

Membership Officer, **Tammi Santana**,
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Presenting

To submit your Presentation Proposal Form online, follow this link:

<http://www.tesol-spain.org/en/pages/11/speakers.html>.

Submissions will be accepted from June 1st to October 15th 2019.

Proposal deadline

The proposal deadline is **October 15th, 2019**.

Accreditation

We expect to be awarded two credits by the Ministry of Education.



Grants

TESOL-SPAIN offers several grants for speakers and students. Among these are:

- **GRANT 1: FIRST-TIME SPEAKER GRANT**
Awarded to a speaker presenting at a TESOL-SPAIN convention for the first time.
- **GRANT 2: ROBIN DE ANDRÉS GRANT**
Awarded to a Primary or Secondary teacher working in the Spanish Education system giving a presentation at the convention.
- **GRANT 3: FULL TIME UNIVERSITY STUDENT GRANT**
Awarded to a full time university student resident and studying in Spain.
- **GRANT 4: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT**
Awarded to a new (or recently qualified) teacher resident in Spain.
- **GRANT 5: TESOL-SPAIN GLOBAL GRANT FOR SPEAKERS FROM AFRICA, ASIA, OR LATIN AMERICA**
Awarded to a teacher from Africa, Asia or Latin America attending the TESOL-SPAIN Annual Convention as a speaker.



Attendees

The convention offers participants a wide range of presentations by national and international speakers, including plenary and keynote presentations, papers, workshops and roundtables. It is attended by a wide variety of EFL professionals. There are teachers from infant, primary and secondary schools, EOLs, universities, technical schools and academies as well as teacher trainers, materials writers, and course planners. Publishers, ELT researchers, members of exam boards, and national and international authors also take part in the conventions.



Programme and events

- Confirmed plenary speakers: Dr Judit Kormos, Dr Sarah Mercer, Dr Daniel Xerri and Lindsay Clanfield.
- Approx. 100 **talks and workshops**.
- **Keynote presentations** by renowned speakers.
- **Special SIG strand:** Inclusive Practices & Special Educational Needs.
- **Round tables** on issues of current interest.
- An **exhibition area** with over 40 stands.
- An **opening cocktail** and **coffee breaks**.
- **Annual General Assembly** informing members of the association's activities.
- **Saturday Night convention dinner** (cost and details on the enrollment form and website).

Information

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