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# Programme

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## Tuesday, 15 October

**18:30 – 20:00** Informal welcome reception – Radisson Blu Hotel Tashkent

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## Wednesday, 16 October

**09.00 – 09.30** Registration and welcome coffee – International Hotel Tashkent

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**09.30 – 10.10** **Welcome Addresses**

- **Rachel Ireland**, Country Director, British Council Uzbekistan
- **Inom Madjidov**, Minister of Higher and Secondary Specialised Education, Uzbekistan
- **Tim Torlot**, Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan
- **Richard Everitt**, Regional Director of Education and Society, Wider Europe, British Council

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**10.10 – 11.10** **Session 1 – Keynote address – Does the provision of English/EMI enhance graduate employability?**

- **Nicola Galloway**, Lecturer in TESOL, Moray House School of Education, University of Edinburgh
- **Andrew Linn**, Head of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research, University of Westminster

**Moderator: Maxine Gillway**, former Chair of the BALEAP Association

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**11.10 – 11.40** **Coffee break and networking**

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**11.40 – 13.00** **Session 2 – Panel discussion – EMI in Higher Education: different contexts, differing perspectives**

- **Nicola Galloway**, Lecturer in TESOL, Moray House School of Education, University of Edinburgh
- **Jim McKinley**, Associate Professor of TESOL and Applied Linguistics, UCL Institute of Education, University College London
- **Andrew Linn**, Head of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research, University of Westminster

**Chair: Roy Cross**, Principal Consultant, English for Education Systems, British Council

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**13.00 – 14.00** **Lunch, Allegro Restaurant**

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**14.00 – 15.00** **Session 3 – Workshop A – Spoken academic English in the HE curriculum: reflections on the oracy dimensions**

Venue: Amir Temur Hall

- **Doris Dippold**, Senior Lecturer in Intercultural Communication, University of Surrey

Rapporteur: **Simon Etherton**, Regional Head of English, British Council

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**Session 3 – Workshop A – Acting globally and impacting locally? The role of language policies in the internationalisation of higher education and delivering effective EMI approaches**

Venue: Samarkand Hall

- **Daniel Brooker**, Head of Consultancy, Cambridge Assessment English, University of Cambridge

Rapporteur: **Cherry Gough**, Country Director Turkey, British Council

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**15.00 – 15.30** **Coffee break and move back to Amir Temur Hall**

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**15.30 – 16.45** **Session 4 – Debate – Does EMI harm learning?**

- **Tony Liddicoat**, Professor in the Centre for Applied Linguistics, University of Warwick
- **Erkin Mukhammedov**, Head of Global English, Westminster International University, Uzbekistan
- **Laura Karabassova**, PhD Student, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan
- **Nino Okribelashvili**, Vice Rector, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia
- **Syuzanna Ghazaryan**, Policy Development Department on Higher and Postgraduate Professional Education, Armenia

**Chair: Mario Moya**, Programme Director of the Master's in English Language Teaching at the University of East London, Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, UK

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## Wednesday, 16 October

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- 16.45 – 17.15**    **End of day remarks**
- Simon Etherton, Regional Head of English, British Council

- 18.15 – 20.30**    **Welcome Reception at the British Ambassador's Residence**
- Bus will leave outside delegates' hotel at **18:15** and come back at **20:15**

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## Thursday, 17 October

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- 9.00 – 9.05**    **Welcome to Day Two**
- Summer Xia, Programme Director and Country Director Azerbaijan, British Council

- 9.05 – 9.20**    **Session 5 – Keynote address – English and Cultural Relations**
- Dan Shah, Director of Research, British Council

- 9.20 – 10.20**    **Session 6 – Presentation – Making a difference: reforms which have had a positive impact on English in higher education**
- Yayra Abduraimova, Head of PRESET/Head of Department, University of World Languages, Uzbekistan
  - Maryna Mruha, State Expert, Ministry of Education and Science, Ukraine
  - Efe Efeoglu, Head Of Business Administration Department, Adana Alparslan Turkes Science and Technology University
- Chair:** Tony Liddicoat, Professor in the Centre for Applied Linguistics, University of Warwick

- 10.20 – 11.20**    **Session 7 – Panel discussion – What is the role of English Language Assessment in supporting higher education systems to achieve their goals?**
- Victoria Clark, Manager Assessment Solutions Group, Global Assessments, British Council
  - Didar Smagulov, Head of National Testing Centre of the Ministry of Education and Science, Kazakhstan
  - Tural Ahmadov, Deputy Head, International Relations Department, Ministry of Education, Azerbaijan
  - Amira Askarova, Student, Uzbek State University of World Languages, Uzbekistan
- Chair:** Cherry Gough, Country Director Turkey, British Council

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- 11.20 – 11.40**    **Group photo**
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- 11.40 – 12.40**    **Session 8 – Panel discussion – Opportunities, expectations and innovations**
- Sherzod Shermatov, Minister of Public Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan
  - Adkham Ikramov, Chair, Uzbek Chamber of Commerce
  - Hikmat Abdurahmanov, Humo and Ground Zero Founder, Uzbekistan
  - Steve Philips, Chair, English UK
- Chair:** Jenna Mittelmeier, Lecturer in Education (International), University of Manchester

- 12.40 – 13.30**    **Session 9 – Future actions and closing remarks – Does provision of English/EMI enhance employability?**
- Richard Everitt, Regional Director of Education, Society, and English
  - Rachel Ireland, Country Director Uzbekistan

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- 13.30 – 14.30**    **Lunch, Allegro Restaurant**

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- 14.30 – 17.00**    **Option 1 – Visit to Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT) – Bus leaving outside of International Hotel at 14.30**
- Best practice in EMI, challenges and opportunities, new contacts and networks
- Coordinator:** Jamilya Gulyamova, Deputy Director Uzbekistan, British Council

**Option 2 – Visit to Uzbek State University of World Languages – Bus leaving outside of International Hotel at 14.30**

- Best practice in English Reform at national and institutional levels, challenges and opportunities, new contacts and networks

**Coordinator:** Olga Kim, Projects Manager, British Council in Uzbekistan

**Option 2 – Networking with conference speakers, delegates, and British Council experts – exact venue at the International Hotel**

- Make new friends and contacts

**Coordinator:** Shakhodat Karimova, Projects Coordinator, British Council in Uzbekistan