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## *Message from the President*

### **Dr. Sayeedur Rahman**

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President, TESOL Society of Bangladesh



In keeping with TESOL Society of Bangladesh's (TESOL BD) vision of elevating the field of TESOL, and advocating for excellence in English language teaching, this series stands as a testament to our commitment to the dissemination of knowledge in the fields of linguistics, English language teaching, literature, and cultural studies. It serves as a platform for experts and scholars to come together, share their specialized knowledge, and ignite intellectual discourse.

TESOL BD understands the value of accessibility and inclusivity in the pursuit of knowledge. To ensure broader participation, we have organized these programs both online and in-person whenever possible. This approach allows us to reach a diverse audience, transcending geographical barriers and fostering a global community of learners and thinkers.

Through the Distinguished Lecture Series, we aim to create a space where cutting-edge research, innovative pedagogies, and critical insights can be shared, debated, and celebrated. We firmly believe that collaboration and the exchange of ideas are catalysts for intellectual growth and societal progress. This series embodies our commitment to excellence and the pursuit of lifelong learning. By staying at the forefront of our respective fields, we are equipped to meet the demands of a rapidly changing world. It is through events like these that we foster a culture of intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and continuous professional growth.

This special issue covers a wide range of topics from publication in SCOPUS-indexed journals to overcoming entrenchment in teaching to the intersection of women, gender, and climate sustainability. It covers seven lectures from renowned educators, researchers, and scholars sharing their insights and experiences with the broader TESOL community.

Our speakers, renowned experts in their respective fields, have generously agreed to contribute their time, expertise, and thought-provoking perspectives. Their lectures have provided a unique opportunity to delve into the latest developments, emerging trends, and transformative theories that shape the landscape of linguistics, English language teaching, literature, and cultural studies. At the same time, the series has contributed to the growth of our society, engaging new teachers and budding researchers to explore further, contribute to the field, and work together to create genuine connections in the world of TESOL, enriching our community further.




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**Dr. Sayeedur Rahman**  
Professor, IML, University of Dhaka  
President, TESOL Society of Bangladesh

## *Message from our Partner*

### **Professor Dr. Nawzia Yasmin**

Vice Chancellor (Acting)  
State University of Bangladesh



I am happy to know that TESOL Society of Bangladesh is publishing a special issue of their newsletter TESOL Connects on the Distinguished Lecture Series. TESOL BD and State University of Bangladesh (SUB) have a long-standing tradition of partnership and collaboration, fuelled by our mutual interest in the sharing of knowledge and creating a strong network of like-minded individuals in the pursuit of progress and professional development.

We have worked together since 2020, collaborating with TESOL BD during their First International Conference which paved the way for future jointly-organized webinars, seminars, workshops, and symposiums. SUB has been by TESOL BD's side as partners and collaborators for the Distinguished Lecture Series and is always excited to welcome experts in the areas of education, research, arts, and cultural studies, as well as the participants who attend the series to discover, innovate, and deliver change, grasping the future and developing themselves in their careers.

As it progressed, the Distinguished Lecture Series flourished into a platform for discussing new research, inventive pedagogies, and unique perspectives that can be disseminated, debated, and passed onto young professionals in the field. State University of Bangladesh is a strong champion of collaborative endeavors that benefit both parties, as well as outsiders who seek to better themselves as educators and researchers.

State University of Bangladesh looks forward to continuing this spirit of partnership with TESOL Society of Bangladesh in the future.



**Professor Dr. Nawzia Yasmin**  
Vice Chancellor (Acting)  
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**TESOL BD and State University of Bangladesh Host Inaugural Session of Distinguished Lecture Series**

On October 16, 2021, the Department of English Studies at State University of Bangladesh (SUB) in collaboration with the TESOL Society of Bangladesh organized the inaugural session of their prestigious Distinguished Lecture Series. The series aims to provide a platform for renowned experts and scholars to share their insights and expertise with the academic community. The lecture series was conducted on the Zoom platform and streamed live on Facebook. The session was a workshop on "The Teaching of English Literature: Contemporary Methods and Approaches" facilitated by Dr Mashrur Shahid Hossain, a distinguished Professor from the Department of English at Jahangirnagar University. The workshop provided attendees with valuable insights into the latest methods and approaches employed in teaching English literature.

The first session commenced with an introduction to the Department of English Studies at SUB, highlighting its commitment to providing quality education and fostering academic excellence. The introduction was followed by an overview of the "Distinguished Lecture Series," outlining its objectives and the esteemed speakers who will contribute to future sessions.

Professor Dr. Sayeedur Rahman, Advisor of the Department of English Studies at SUB, graced the event as a special guest and delivered a thought-provoking speech. Dr. Rahman shared his valuable perspectives on the significance of such lecture series in promoting intellectual discourse and knowledge dissemination within the academic community.



The inaugural session was further honored by the presence of Professor Ali Ahsan, Dean of the School of Business and Social Sciences at SUB, who served as the chief guest. Professor Ahsan delivered an inspiring speech, emphasizing the importance of creating a conducive environment for intellectual growth and exchange at the university.

Following the workshop, participants engaged in an interactive question-and-answer session, allowing for further exploration and clarification of the topics discussed. The session concluded with a vote of thanks to all the distinguished guests, speakers, and participants for their active engagement and valuable contributions to the event.



**Dr. Muhammad Kamarul Kabilan**

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TESOL Society of Bangladesh successfully conducted the second session of its “Distinguished Lecture Series” in collaboration with the Department of English Studies, State University. Launched in October 2021, the series aims to ensure the dissemination of knowledge in the diversifying fields of English Language, Literature, and Cultural Studies. The second lecture was a keynote session on “Publishing in SCOPUS-Indexed Journals” held virtually on 20 January 2022. The event was organised in collaboration with the TESOL Society of Bangladesh, while the Career Development Centre, SUB provided technical support to the workshop.

The workshop was conducted by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kamarul Kabilan from the School of Educational Studies, Universiti Sains Malaysia. Professor Dr. Sayeedur Rahman, Advisor, Department of English Studies, SUB, moderated the session. The workshop revolved around the fundamental aspects of publishing in a SCOPUS-indexed journal, as well as advice for prospective researchers.

The keynote speaker stressed the significance of publication in SCOPUS-indexed journals for those in academia and the intricacies of research and publication. He also provided young researchers with some guidance and helpful tips on what to expect when publishing in such journals, and red flags to help avoid predatory journals.

Participants included faculty members and graduate students from English and other related social sciences departments from home and abroad. The participants were lively and enthusiastic throughout the session, taking part in an engaging question-and-answer session at the end.



### **Mohammad Shams Ud Duha**

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TESOL Society of Bangladesh, in collaboration with the Department of English Studies (DES), State University of Bangladesh (SUB), organized its third session of the "Distinguished Lecture Series" on 24 May 2022 at SUB's own campus at Dhanmondi. Launched in October 2021 to mark the 20th year of the founding of the university, the series aims to ensure the dissemination of knowledge in the diversifying fields of English Language, Literature, and Cultural Studies. The third session was a workshop on "Design-Based Research: What, Why, and How?" by Mohammad Shams Ud Duha, a doctoral researcher in Learning Design and Technology at Purdue University, USA.

Through this workshop, participants explored the various steps of Design-Based Research (DBR) and learned about how faculty and student researchers can employ this method to conduct research. It also traced the development of the Purdue Repository for Online Teaching and Learning (PoRTAL) through DBR. In addition, the interactive session had the participants plan research projects using DBR principles.

The program's first session started with a welcome speech by Touhida Easmin Humaira, Head of the Department, Department of English Studies (DES). In her opening remarks, she highlighted the objectives of organizing the distinguished lecture series and after that, Professor Dr Nawzia Yasmin, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of State University of Bangladesh (SUB) congratulated the Department of English Studies for taking the initiative to organize the Distinguished Lecture Series and involving the faculty members of all departments to learn different approaches of conducting research. She also emphasized the importance of developing research knowledge for educators.





Prof. Dr. Sayeedur Rahman, President, TESOL Society of Bangladesh and Advisor to the Department of English Studies (DES) then introduced the resource person and discussed the significance of DBR in an educational context. Mohammad Shams Ud Duha conducted the engaging workshop, introducing the participants to Design-Based Research, how it differs from traditional research and its role in implementing theories and interventions in real-world scenarios.

Participants included faculty members and graduate students from English and various other departments. The participants were lively and enthusiastic throughout the session, taking part in group work and asking thought-provoking questions.



**Lawrence N. Berlin, PhD**

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TESOL Society of Bangladesh, in collaboration with the Department of English Studies (DES), State University of Bangladesh (SUB), organized its fourth session of the “Distinguished Lecture Series” on 18th September 2022 at SUB’s own campus at Dhanmondi. Launched in October 2021, to mark the 20th year of the founding of the university, the series aims to ensure the dissemination of knowledge in the diversifying fields of English Language, Literature, and Cultural Studies. This session was a workshop on “Education for Transformation: Identifying Hegemony and Overcoming Entrenchment in ELT ” by Lawrence N. Berlin (Ph.D), an English Language Specialist for the U.S Embassy and National Academy for Educational Management (NAEM).

The eye-opening workshop aimed to explore the ways in which English Language teachers tend to replicate the ways in which they were taught, and how teachers and trainers could seek alternative approaches to engage with learners and teach more effectively. The focal point of the discussion was that English language teachers’ need to evaluate their teaching methods and adjust them to suit the needs of their students and deliver education in a more innovative way to keep up with changing times.

The program’s first session started with a welcome speech by Touhida Easmin Humaira, Head of the Department, Department of English Studies (DES). In her opening remarks, she highlighted the objectives of organizing the distinguished lecture series and after that, Professor Dr. Nawzia Yasmin, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of State University of Bangladesh (SUB) congratulated the Department of English Studies for taking the initiative to organize the Distinguished Lecture Series. Prof. Dr. Sayeedur Rahman, President of TESOL Society



and Advisor to the Department of English Studies (DES) then introduced the resource person and stressed the significance of research for educators, while reaffirming the collaborative bond between the TESOL Society of Bangladesh and the Department of English Studies.

Participants included English teachers, faculty members, as well as undergraduate and postgraduate students. The participants were lively and enthusiastic throughout the session, taking part in the workshop activities and asking thought-provoking questions as the session came to an end.



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TESOL Society of Bangladesh organized its fifth session of the "Distinguished Lecture Series" on 22 November 2022 together with the Department of English Studies (DES), State University of Bangladesh (SUB) and Bangladesh English Language Teachers Association (BELTA).

This session was a workshop on "Sustainable Teaching: Engagement Beyond Classroom Walls" by Wendy Ashby (PhD), a U.S State Department-sponsored English Language Specialist working at the Faculty Support Center at Cochise Community College in Sierra Vista, AZ, USA.

The eye-opening workshop aimed to explore the ways in which English Language teachers can adopt a task-based approach to connect language learning to real-life scenarios. Using task-based products in lesson plans would engage learners better while teaching them how to communicate effectively and in a meaningful way.

Participants included English teachers from across the country and various faculty members from the university. The interactive workshop was packed with group discussions and activities and ended with a thought-provoking question-and-answer session.



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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

The vision of the Society is to establish an engaging platform for professionals working in the field of TESOL/Applied Linguistics and other allied disciplines to participate in constructive dialogue with one another and with recent developments to strengthen the impact of the field in the community. The Society can help you to remain connected to fellow applied linguists through regular interaction and collaboration with the members.

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