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Biographies of project participants presenting at the TILA Conference in April 16th in Utrecht

Universiteit Utrecht - Faculty of Humanities, Drift 21 (Utrecht)

Time: 13:30 - 17:00

Kristi Jauregi Ondarra - TILA Project coordinator

Kristi Jauregi is Professor of Language Education at Fontys University of Applied Sciences and Lecturer-researcher at Utrecht University (The Netherlands). Her main area of research is on CALL, particularly on telecollaboration carried out with synchronous applications (video communication or 3D virtual worlds). She has been engaged in different projects funded by the European Commission (NIFLAR, Euroversity) and is project leader of TILA.

Sabela Melchor Couto - Tasks and platforms, an overview

Sabela Melchor-Couto is Senior Lecturer in Spanish at the University of Roehampton (London). Sabela's research activity focuses on the use of virtual worlds and videoconferencing software for language learning and teaching and its impact on affective variables, particularly anxiety. She is responsible for the English cluster in TILA and coordinates Work Package 1: Teacher Training Activities.

Petra Hoffstaedter - Focus on spoken communication through intercultural telecollaboration

Petra Hoffstaedter (Dr. phil.) is co- director of the Steinbeis Transfer Center Language Learning Media. In a number of EU projects, she has created and pedagogically implemented web-based language learning resources for various European languages. Her current research focus is on the use of telecollaboration for intercultural language learning and interpreter training. Together with Kurt Kohn, she is responsible for the German cluster in TILA and the work packages Research and Dissemination.

Kurt Kohn - Focus on spoken communication through intercultural telecollaboration

Kurt Kohn is professor emeritus of Applied English Linguistics at the University of Tübingen and co-director of the Steinbeis Transfer Center Language Learning Media. His research interests include English as a lingua franca and Lingua Franca pedagogy as well as telecollaboration applied to intercultural language learning and interpreter training. Together with Petra Hoffstaedter, he is responsible for the German cluster in TILA and the work packages Research and Dissemination.

Begoña Clavel - TILA experiences in telecollaboration between schools in Nijmegen and Meliana

Begoña Clavel-Arroitia is a lecturer in English Studies at the *Universitat de València* where she teaches Second Language Acquisition and Teaching English as a Foreign Language modules at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. She is a member of IULMA-UV (Interuniversity Institute of Applied Modern Languages, *Universitat de València*) and carries out research in the field of corpus linguistics and its applications to teaching, the implementation of ICT resources in language teaching, and the study of gender and language. She is a member of the research groups Gentext and CASTLE. She is responsible for the Spanish cluster in TILA.

Javier Soria - TILA experiences in telecollaboration between schools in Nijmegen and Meliana

He teaches English in Meliana Secondary School, where he is also the Secretary of the school and has been engaged in the Tila project since the beginning.He is official translator of English.

Elvira Verheijen - TILA experiences in telecollaboration between schools in Nijmegen and Meliana

Linda Gijsen - Collaborative writing through telecollaboration

Linda Gijsen works as a teacher trainer at Fontys University of Applied Sciences Tilburg and is the coordinator of the M.Ed English. She has an MA degree in English Language and Culture. She is a member of the research group *Second Language Learning in a Modern Perspective* led by Professor Kristi Jauregi Ondarra and has been experimenting with various approaches to task design on collaboration in telecollaborative projects.

Martine Derivry - Using TILA to the best with few resources: Practising ELF and English-French chats through Intercultural telecollaboration

Martine Derivry is a Senior Lecturer in English and Applied Linguistics at Sorbonne-Université, UPMC, University of Paris 6. Her main research area is on language teachers, beliefs and ideologies on languages and the "native/non-native" category. She is also engaged in intercultural telecollaboration and is responsible of the French cluster in TILA.
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Laure Delbes - Using TILA to the best with few resources: Practising ELF and English-French chats through intercultural telecollaboration

Bart Pardoel - Games in virtual worlds

Bart teaches German culture and language at Pleincollege Nuenen www.pleincollegenuenen.nl . Before graduating from Fontys University of Applied Sciences (Tilburg), Bart spent two years as an Erasmus exchange student in Germany, studying and working there. He uses this experience in his classes, teaching German in secondary education for pupils in the vocational training differentiation of the Dutch educational system.
Key responsibilities are: head of department, development of teaching materials, developing an engaging learning environment to motivate and stimulate pupils. Interests: application of information technology in education, development of digital materials for teaching, games in education.

Helen Myers - Games in virtual worlds

Helen teaches languages at The Ashcombe School, Dorking, UK www.ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk where she is Assistant Head. The school specialises in using technology to support language learning (especially using online and CD interactive games) and is keen to explore the potential of 3D worlds to motivate and engage. She holds regular, free workshops at the school (all are welcome), and she experiments in Second Life where she practises her Italian, French and German, and leads weekly English pronunciation classes.

Nick Zwart - Games in virtual worlds

Nick studied ICT and theology in Amsterdam (Fontys University) where he specialized in new media for religious education. He has worked as a teacher in several secondary schools and taught the master degree 'New Media and Religion' at Fontys University of Applied Science in Amsterdam. For more than a decade he worked as a community manager for 'Kennisnet' which is the leading expert when it comes to ICT in education in the Netherlands. He recently worked for the University of Alcalá de Henares in Spain doing research on NPC's for language training in OpenSimulator. Currently he holds the position of CEO of 3DLES - www.3dles.com, a company specialised in 3D virtual worlds with a focus on education in OpenSimulator.