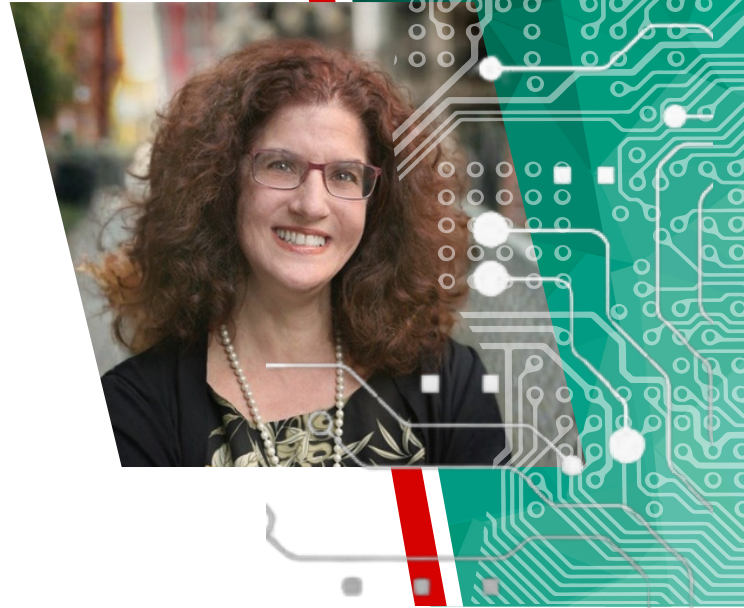




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**IS IT POSSIBLE TO PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE?**

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## Abstract

Technology is changing so fast these days, teachers can feel overwhelmed trying to keep up. Prepare for the future? It's hard enough just to prepare for the present! The assignment that worked so perfectly last year is getting done by ChatGPT instead of your students. The app you thought would streamline your classes was discontinued. The free service that saved you so much time now requires a paid subscription. But while it's true that some things are constantly changing, other things are not—like the place of language in society and importance of education and teachers. This session focuses on asking ourselves the right questions as we update our curriculum and approaches, to make sure that every year, every month, every week, and every lesson, we are helping our students towards their goals.

## Biography

Dorothy Zemach taught ESL and other foreign languages for over 20 years, in Asia, Africa, and the US. She holds an MA in TESL from the School for International Training in Vermont, USA. Now she concentrates on writing, editing, and publishing ELT materials and textbooks and conducting teacher training workshops. A frequent plenary speaker at international conferences, her areas of specialty and interest are teaching writing, teaching reading, academic English, testing, and humor. In 2012, Dorothy launched Wayzgoose Press, a small independent publishing imprint for fiction, non-fiction, and educational materials.