SPEAKER PROFILE 2027 / AUSTRALIA

George Kokolas

KEYNOTE SPEAKER & WORKSHOP PRESENTER

Mastering Motivation Mechanisms



SATURDAY 30 JANUARY 2027 | CURTIN UNIVERSITY | PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

George Kokolas has worked as Academic Director and Teacher Trainer for Express Publishing for 25 years. He is a licensed Level 5 Positive Education Practitioner, holds a Level 5 Diploma in Positive Psychology, is a certified Level 7 TEFL teacher and an Advanced Neurolanguage Coach(R), practising Neurolanguage Coaching professionally. He holds a BA in English Literature.

Since 2017, George has hosted and produced the Teachers' Coffee educational podcast. In 2022, he was voted among Greece's most popular ELT influencers. He has served as Vice Chair of TESOL GREECE and is a founding member of the International Positive Education Network Greece (IPEN GR).

George has delivered more than 1,000 presentations at international conferences, including many plenary sessions.

PROFILE AT A GLANCE

EXPRESS PUBLISHING	CONFERENCE TALKS	PODCAST HOST	POSITIVE EDUCATION
25 years	**1,000+**	**Since 2017**	**Level 5**

Interactive keynote | 9:45-10:45 am

KEYNOTE SESSION

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INTERACTIVE KEYNOTE | 9:45-10:45 AM

For years, we have been trying to identify how to motivate students. Could it be that we need to first think about how to motivate 'people'? This session offers a fresh perspective on motivation, beginning with the fundamentals. The speaker will analyse the 'dark side of motivation' as a pitfall we may all fall into. Recent views on motivation and how we could apply them in ELT will also be discussed.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS WILL TAKE AWAY

- A fresh way to think about motivation, starting with people and the fundamentals.
- Greater awareness of the "dark side of motivation" and pitfalls educators may encounter.
- Recent perspectives on motivation and practical connections to English language teaching.

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