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Beyond Language: Integrating Soft Skills in English for Specific Purposes Teaching

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Abstract

This talk explores the hypothesis that educators in English for Specific Purposes (ESP) must go beyond teaching language proficiency to include essential soft skills such as communication, teamwork, and critical thinking. It will discuss the significance of these competencies in professional contexts and provide practical strategies for integrating soft skills into ESP curricula. By fostering a holistic approach to language education, teachers can better prepare students for real-world challenges, enhancing their employability and effectiveness in their respective fields. The session will also highlight successful case studies and interactive activities that promote both language acquisition and soft skills development.

Biography

George Kokolas has been working, until now, as the Academic Director and Teacher Trainer for Express Publishing for the last 25 years. He is a licensed Level 5 Positive Education Practitioner and holds a Level 5 Diploma in Positive Psychology. He is a certified LEVEL 7 TEFL teacher and a certified ADVANCED Neurolanguage Coach®, practising Neurolanguage Coaching® professionally. He holds a BA in English Literature. Since 2017, he has been hosting and producing the successful 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). He has delivered over 1,000 presentations at international conferences, with many plenaries among them, and counting...