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DNA of English for Postgraduate Students

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Seminar Schedule

Seminar	Class Time	Date of Seminars	Venue
Inaugural Lecture	17:00p.m. – 18:30p.m.	9 Sep, 2015 (Wed)	Mr. and Mrs. Lau Chor Tak Lecture Theatre (E4-G078)
2	17:00p.m. – 18:15p.m.	23 Sep, 2015 (Wed)	
3	17:00p.m. – 18:15p.m.	14 Oct, 2015 (Wed)	
4	17:00p.m. – 18:15p.m.	4 Nov, 2015 (Wed)	
5	17:00p.m. – 18:15p.m.	18 Nov, 2015 (Wed)	
6	17:00p.m. – 18:15p.m.	25 Nov, 2015 (Wed)	
7	17:00p.m. – 18:15p.m.	24 Feb, 2016 (Wed)	E4-G078 (TBC)
8	17:00p.m. – 18:15p.m.	2 Mar, 2016 (Wed)	
9	17:00p.m. – 18:15p.m.	16 Mar, 2016 (Wed)	
10	17:00p.m. – 18:15p.m.	30 Mar, 2016 (Wed)	
11	17:00p.m. – 18:15p.m.	13 Apr, 2016 (Wed)	
12	17:00p.m. – 18:15p.m.	27 Apr, 2016 (Wed)	

Seminar Topics

- Inaugural Lecture:
 - Introduction of the instructor and the series by VRAA
 - The DNA of English and how to teach Chinese English—a radical change in teaching and learning
- Academic English—what is the essence of good academic writing?
- Dancing with the alphabet—the eight parts of speech—the source for creative writing
- What is authentic English? How do you write for lay readers?
- The error of our ways—the 7 sins of writing typical of Chinese learners—no more Chinglish
- The unique features of English we neglect. The linguistic differences between English and Chinese and the problems they pose for Chinese learners
- The essential ingredients of readable writing—clarity, variety, coherence, subtlety and surprise—and how to look for them within the English language
- Other characteristics of English—why the weird word order; the idea of ellipsis in English—English as a stress-timed language and salience in English
- The art of translating Chinese into English—the pitfalls to avoid
- Learning from the prose masters of the West—a list of recommended reading for further study
- How to enrich your learning from living—sports writing and commentary, poetry, TV drama, the best talk shows for language lovers. Even obituaries—great writing in summing up a life
- Finding your own voice in writing—the ultimate achievement