
IATEFL LASIG LOCAL CONFERENCE 2017

Learner Autonomy: Current Practice and Future Developments

University of Graz, Austria

June 2nd and 3rd

A two-day event arranged in cooperation between *treffpunkt sprachen* — Centre for language, plurilingualism and didactics and the Learner Autonomy Special Interest Group (LASIG) of IATEFL

“It is important to begin by insisting that language learner autonomy [...] is real. It is not a distant goal that shimmers beguilingly like a mirage in the desert but a pedagogical achievement [...]”.

– David Little, Trinity College Dublin

The conference will be devoted to taking stock of what has been achieved so far in the field of language learner autonomy:

- *What aspects of the concept have been implemented in various educational sectors?*
- *To what extent has language learner autonomy become part of mainstream classroom practice?*
- *In which areas do teachers need support in assisting their learners to become more autonomous?*

Four internationally acclaimed researchers and practitioners will address these questions:

- **David Little** (Trinity College, Dublin)
- **Leni Dam** (formerly University College of Copenhagen, former Coordinator of LASIG, Denmark)
- **Sarah Mercer** (University of Graz, Austria)
- **Annamaria Pinter** (University of Warwick, UK)

The programme combines various (interactive) formats: plenary talks, focus workshops on selected areas of language learner autonomy, and group discussions according to different educational contexts.

Further information can be found on the conference [website](#).

To register for this event, please go to the main IATEFL [website](#).

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