

Teaching English in difficult circumstances, revisited (References for précis)

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Network rationale

Large class size is a challenge faced by many teachers and learners around the world and is a particular challenge in many 'developing' countries where teacher recruitment has not kept pace with rapid increases in school enrolments. Investigations of large class size and other challenges involved in teaching in 'difficult circumstances' constitute the focus of our concern as a research network.

Aims

The TELC research network (set up on the initiative of Dr Fauzia Shamim and Dr Richard Smith in 2008) has the following major aims:

- To share and disseminate good practice relating to teaching in large classes / teaching in otherwise 'under-resourced' or 'difficult' circumstances
- To theorize from such practice with a view to identifying common principles
- To promote further exploratory practice and research in such circumstances

Activities

Our initial activities have involved:

- Providing links to relevant sources of information and other resources (see 'Presentations' and 'Publications' for some links)
- Building up a comprehensive bibliography of recent work in the field (see 'Publications')
- Encouraging and providing a portal for dissemination of research by staff and students in participating universities and teachers/researchers elsewhere, including research carried out in existing country-based networks
- Encouraging further research initiatives in the area of large class studies

Your participation

We welcome news, views and expressions of interest from all researchers (including teacher-researchers) who would like to participate in the TELC network. If you are interested, please join us by following instructions on the 'Participation' tab. Then, feel free to:

- contribute news, issues for discussion, or comments/questions via our Facebook page;
- send in longer reflections, stories etc. to the coordinators for uploading to this website (for their email addresses see the 'Who we are' page, or use the form on the 'Contact us' page);
- contact us to post a link to a video / powerpoint etc. on the 'Presentations' page or to share details of relevant publications or links we're not already highlighting under 'Publications'.