

VI COURSE ON LANGUAGE TEST DESIGN AND VALIDATION (2027)

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May 31

Introduction

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ALTE

1. Definition of language test
2. Basic terminology
3. Definition of a validity argument (Messik, 1989; Wolfe and Smith, 2007)
4. Test-development cycles (Green, 2013)
5. Group work or discussion

Lunch break

6. Introduction to ALTE and key concepts in language testing

- Welcome to ALTE: who we are and how we support members
- ALTE Minimum Standards
- The socio-cognitive framework

June 1

Listening comprehension

David Bradshaw
Cambridge University Press and Assessment

1. Characteristics of listening comprehension
2. Types of listening comprehension tasks
3. The development of PISA multilevel language tests
3. Group work or discussion

June 2

Reading comprehension

Javier Fruns
Instituto Cervantes

1. Characteristics of reading comprehension
2. Types of reading comprehension tasks
3. Artificial intelligence and test development
4. Group work or discussion

June 3

Oral and written production

Carmen Álvarez
Universidad Politécnica de Madrid
Joaquín Cruz
Universidad de Jaén

1. Characteristics of oral and written production
2. Types of oral and written production tasks
3. Protocol to design assessment scañes
4. Group work or discussion

Lunch break

5. Candidates' shared materials
6. Round table

June 4

Mediation and new challenges in language assessment

Brian North
Coauthor of the CEFR
Adolfo Sánchez
Universidad de Granada

1. Mediation
2. Assessment
3. The assessment of mediation
4. Opportunities and challenges
5. Group work or discussion



WEEK 2 / JUNE 7 - 11, 2027

June 7

Introduction to statistical analysis and Classical Test Theory (I)

Joaquín Cruz
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1. Psychometry
2. Classical Test Theory vs. Item-response theory
3. Basic analyses in Classical Test Theory
4. Individual analysis of data

June 8

Classical Test Theory (II)

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1. SPSS
2. Facility values
3. Discrimination indexes
4. Internal reliability
5. DIF analysis
6. Individual analysis of data

June 9

Item Response Theory (I, item analysis)

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1. Winsteps
2. Construction of control files
3. Infit and outfit mean squares
4. Distractor analysis
5. Variable map
6. Individual analysis of data

June 10

Item Response Theory (II, scale analysis)

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1. Facets
2. Construction of specifications files
3. Data fit
4. Vertical ruler
5. Rating scale category utility
6. Individual analysis of data

June 11

Wrap-up and farewell

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1. Group discussion
2. Reception of certificates
3. Guided visit to the campus
4. Visit to the Cesáreo Aguilera art exhibition
5. Family photo