

Australian Council of TESOL Associations  
Inaugural International TESOL Conference  
hosted by ESL Educators (South Australia)



# Pedagogies of Connection

**Developing Individual and Community Identities**

**10–12 July 2008**

following a TESOL Symposium

**Keeping Language Diversity Alive**

**9 July 2008**

in Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia



## About the Conference

The focus of this conference is on the potential for TESOL pedagogies to make connections among individuals and communities. The conference will explore a range of TESOL pedagogies and their influences on the development of identities and relationships in diverse TESOL settings. This will include discussion of the role of language and culture within pedagogy. The keynote speakers listed on the right are international leaders in the field, and conference participants will comprise TESOL educators and researchers from around the globe.

## About the Symposium

This one day symposium explores the complex issue of keeping Indigenous and other community languages alive. Four expert presenters investigate the reasons for language decline and extinction, the processes in place for language maintenance, and its importance for the expression of community, culture and sense of identity. The positioning of the symposium prior to the 'Pedagogies of Connection' Conference highlights the dynamic relationship between English language teaching and maintenance of language diversity.

## Keynote conference speakers

### Professor Marcia Langton

Inaugural Professor of  
Australian Indigenous Studies,  
University of Melbourne

### Professor Vaidehi Ramanathan

Professor of Linguistics,  
University of California, Davis

### Professor Beverley Derewianka

Professor of Education,  
University of Wollongong

### Dr Shelley Wong

President Elect of TESOL and  
Associate Professor of  
Multicultural/ESL/Bilingual  
Education,  
George Mason University

### Dr Sinfree Makoni

Associate Professor of  
Applied Linguistics  
and African American Studies,  
Pennsylvania State University



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## Call for Abstracts

ACTA cordially invites teachers and researchers to submit an abstract for the conference, using the Abstract Submission Form available on the ACTA conference website.

Abstracts must address the theme of the conference and applicants will be notified in December 2007.

### Submissions

Please forward the Abstract Submission Form to the Conference Secretariat by close of business 30 November 2007.

All presenters are required to provide ONE of the following:

- a PowerPoint presentation, handout or non-refereed paper, for an online Conference Proceedings. Non-refereed material may be submitted electronically, in hard copy or on a CD to the Conference Secretariat at the Conference;

OR

- a paper for a fully refereed special edition of *TESOL in Context*, the bi-annual ACTA journal publication, in accordance with the 'Instructions for Contributors' on the ACTA conference website. The deadline for submission of refereed papers is 10 August 2008 (one month after the conference).

## Register your Interest

If you are interested in attending the conference or symposium please contact the conference secretariat or visit the conference website and register your interest. You will then receive email and web updates.



Conference venue:  
Alice Springs Convention Centre

## Contact details

Forward your Abstract Submission Form and any queries to the

**Conference Secretariat:**

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