

2026 EMI Forum

Innovative Pathways for Glocalizing EMI: Bridging Multidisciplinary Bilingual Education and Digital Transformation

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As globalization accelerates and digital transformation reshapes education, educators and researchers must reimagine English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI) to meet the needs of our increasingly multilingual and multicultural world. The **2026 EMI Forum** convenes educators, researchers, and industry professionals to explore innovative pathways for glocalizing EMI.

The Forum theme, “Innovative Pathways for Glocalizing EMI: Bridging Multidisciplinary Bilingual Education and Digital Transformation,” emphasizes our commitment to adapting global EMI standards to fit a nation’s distinct context. Rather than simply replicating international models, we localize EMI by drawing on local industries, cultural heritage, and academic excellence.

Day 1 features prominent international EMI scholars. Sessions promote open dialogue and examine the expanding influence of technology, including digital tools and AI in academia, while highlighting the importance of human connection in an increasingly digital learning environment.

Distinguished speakers include Professor Diane Pecorari (University of Leeds, UK), Professor Hans Malmström (Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden), Chair Professor Angel Lin (The Education University of Hong Kong), and Emeritus Professor Hiro Tanaka (Meisei University, Japan), among others.

Day 2 shifts the focus to local educators. Panel discussions featuring faculty from management, business, and other disciplines will share firsthand EMI experiences, highlighting both successes and challenges within Taiwan’s universities.

The Forum concludes with interactive roundtables that invite participants and speakers to engage in open dialogue on key topics discussed throughout the event.

Join us to connect with educators and experts from the UK, Sweden, Hong Kong, Japan, and Taiwan. The Forum aims to spark new ideas and foster enduring partnerships in bilingual and multicultural education.

Additionally, the Forum will feature a special session with (associate) editors from leading international journals. Attendees will gain firsthand insights into emerging publishing trends and have the opportunity to connect directly with editors, deepening their understanding of current academic publishing.

Faculty, students, administrators, and industry partners—let’s shape the future of EMI together!

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Program

Venue: A313, 3rd floor of Administration Building

Date: May 15, 2026 (Friday)

Time (GMT+8)	Session	Moderator
09:30-09:50	Registration	
09:50-09:55	Welcome Address Hwei-Lin Chuang, PhD President Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages	
09:55-10:00	Opening Remarks Dr Bertha Du-Babcock Distinguished Professor & Chair of the Organizing Committee Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages	
10:10-10:55	The Transition to EMI: What (Beyond Language) Changes? Dr Diane Pecorari School of Education University of Leeds, UK	Dr Bertha Du-Babcock Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages
11:00-11:45	AI for EMI teaching: Supporting Teacher Language Proficiency and Pedagogical Practice Dr Hans Malmström Department of Communication and Learning in Science Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden	Dr Richard Wen-Chan Lin Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages
11:50-13:00	Lunch Break	

Time (GMT+8)	Session	Moderator
13:00-13:45	Reimagining EMI as Multimodal Bilingual Education through NotebookLM: MEC Pedagogy for Taiwan's 2030 Bilingual Vision Dr Angel M.Y., Lin, Chair Professor Department of English Language Education The Education University of Hong Kong	Dr Yang, Wen Hsien National Kaohsiung University of Hospitality and Tourism
13:50-14:35	Bridging Discursive Practice and Professional Practice: The Roles of Disciplinary Experts Dr Ken Lau Centre for Applied English Studies University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong	Dr Kit Lam Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages
14:35-14:50	Tea Break	
14:50-15:35	The Hidden Curriculum of Global Business Communication: Integrating Practitioner Narratives into English-Medium Instruction Dr Hiromasa Tanaka, Emeritus Professor Meisei University, Japan	Dr Sandie Lo Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages
15:40-16:25	Meeting with Journal (Chief/Associate) Editors Dr Diane Pecorari, University of Leeds, the UK & Dr Hans Malmström, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden Co-Editors, <i>Journal of English-Medium Instruction</i> https://benjamins.com/catalog/jemi?srsltid=AfmBOop2a51mrnfNy9WEBdqYJYliqvSt7A2Cf3Oj4xv63Bni83rEYvJd Dr Angel M.Y. Lin, The Education University of Hong Kong Editor-in-Chief, <i>Language Policy</i> Dr Bertha Du-Babcock, Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages Associate Editor, <i>The International Journal of Business Communication</i> https://www.businesscommunication.org/publications1/ijbc Dr Ken Lau The University of Hong Kong <i>The Asian Journal of Applied Linguistics (AJAL)</i>	Dr Bertha D-Babcock Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages

Date: May 16, 2026 (Saturday)

Time (GMT+8)	Session	Moderator
09:00-09:30	Registration	
09:30-11:00	EMI Teaching Practice Sharing Speaker 1: Dr Hsiung Chou Department of Physics National Sun Yat-Sen University Speaker 2: Dr Raymund Lin Department of Information Management National Taiwan University of Science and Technology Speaker 3: Dr Kit Lam Department of Arts Communication Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages	Dr Li-ying Wu Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages
11:10-12:00	Roundtable Panel	
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12:00-12:10	Closing Ceremony	