WHAT IS LANGUAGE TESTING AT LANCASTER?

The Language Testing at Lancaster (LTL) course is for those individuals or teams whose work or personal interests involve them in language test construction and development at the local or national level.

COURSE CONTENT

Weeks 1 & 2: Theory and Practice in Language Test Development
This two-week course will help participants build on their knowledge of language testing by providing theoretical input on issues central to language testing and hands-on opportunities to develop test items / tasks. The sessions usually include input on:

- the principles of language testing (validity, reliability and practicality)
- the testing of reading, listening, writing and speaking
- standard setting
- statistics for language testing

Week 3: Introduction to Classical Test Theory (using SPSS)
This one-week course in applied statistics:

- introduces participants to the role of descriptive inferential statistics in language testing
- familiarises participants with running and interpreting analyses such as item reliability, t-tests and ANOVA. [Note that participants are expected to be familiar with the mechanics of SPSS (data entry) and have an understanding of descriptive statistics.]

Week 4: Introduction to Modern Test Theory (using Winsteps/Facets)
This one-week course in applied statistics:

- introduces participants to item response theory
- familiarises participants with the mechanics of Winsteps and Facets
- offers participants the opportunity to explore and discuss such aspects as convergence tables, variable maps/vertical ruler, item and person statistics (degree of fit, error), distractor analysis, rater measurements etc.

During the morning sessions of both weeks 3 and 4, participants are introduced to the programs and analyses mentioned above while in the afternoons participants are provided with different data sets and supplementary worksheets so they may re-visit these analyses.

2017 DATES
Weeks 1 & 2: 17 - 28 July 2017
Week 3: 31 July - 4 August 2017
Week 4: 7-11 August 2017

HOW TO APPLY
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FURTHER DETAILS
For information on cost, accommodation and other facilities see:
http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/linguistics/study/language-testing-summer-school/