



Seminar Title, Date & Venue:

LIU Lunchtime Seminar: Podcasting and Developing Oral Language Production (pronunciation) in B2 Irish Language Learners - Presented by Colm Ó Ciardubháin, Fiontar

13.00 – 14.00 – 28th November 2012 in DG12 (Bea Orpen/Oscail Building)

Abstract:

The aim of this seminar is to discuss some of the results of an LIU funded project which looked at how Podcasting technology could help develop oral production skills in B2 Irish language students. The project involved designing a range of language learning activities incorporating podcasting technologies, assessing students' oral production competence before and after engaging with the activities and gauging students' engagement with the activity and with the technology. The activity being discussed in this seminar involved three microtasks:

1. Students were required to speak on a given topic for three minutes and upload their contributions to the Langblog Tool which hosted the podcasts.
2. Each student was required to listen to the contributions of other students and reflect on his/her original contribution in the context of general feedback given to the class, and, corrective feedback given to each student using a variety of corrective feedback strategies. The students were required to articulate their reflections in a two minute podcast.
3. Each student was required to post a final contribution speaking on similar topic and to implement corrections demonstrated in microtasks 2.

Results show that all students didn't avail of the advantages offered by Podcasting technology but suggest the importance of reflective elements in language learning activities and that a direct corrective feedback strategy is the most effective for improving pronunciation skills.

Aims of Lunchtime Seminars:

The aims of the LIU lunchtime seminars are to encourage the cross-fertilisation of ideas between discipline areas and to generate debate on subjects of campus-wide interest relating to teaching and learning. The seminar format consists of a presentation followed by questions and general discussion. The atmosphere is relaxed and lunch is provided.

Registration:

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