

# 14<sup>th</sup>

# Autumn Workshop

Research Group for Teaching Oral Communication in Japan

第14回表現主体の外国語教育研究会

The Autumn Workshop is an annual gathering aimed at sharing practical solutions and classroom research on the common challenges we face when teaching oral communication in Japan.

Seinan Gakuin  
University  
Fukuoka  
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## 10:00 - 12:00 A framework for conceptualizing oral communication best practices

Over the years, the following three principles have emerged to form the basis of our approach to teaching oral communication:

1. Building speaking skills for real-time conversation on everyday life topics
2. Regular oral testing
3. Raising awareness of cross-cultural differences in speaking styles and how to overcome them

In this morning session, **Jerry Talandis Jr**, **Bruno Vannieu**, and **Jean-Luc Azra** will summarize this general framework and consider some of its implications and potential benefits.

## 13:30 - 17:00 Classroom practice & research

The following presenters share successful lesson activities or report on their classroom research projects:

**Alex Bodnar** (University of Nagasaki): *Keeping it real: True speed listening and fluency practice*

**Jonathan Britten** (Seinan Gakuin University): *My Experiences with Conversations in Class*

**Richard Lee** (Kurume University): *Increasing Participation Among Reticent Students*

**Hiromi Miyakoshi** (Aichi Shukutoku University): *Study Abroad pre-departure training for intermediate level students*

**Michael Stout** (University of Tsukuba): *Getting students to speak: an action research approach*

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### Subway: Nishijin Station

19 minutes from Fukuoka airport  
13 minutes from Hakata shinkansen station

**Dinner party: 17:30 - 19:30**

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