



**VIT**

**Vellore Institute of Technology**

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# **CREATIVE INTERVENTIONS**

IN TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED LANGUAGE LEARNING

One day workshop  
22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

# CONCEPT NOTE

Language learning, like all of learning itself, is undergoing significant transformation under the influence of technological changes brought about by the internet. Mobile applications, virtual classrooms and online courses have created inroads into the learning culture, promising to supplement more conventional ways of learning.

Yet, in this age of plenty, learners struggle to complete online courses and great divides continue to mark the learning environments at different institutions in the country. The effective enhancement of skills in an intensely competitive world remains a challenge battled everyday by learners and facilitators alike.

This workshop aims to familiarize language teachers with both the challenges and opportunities afforded by tools and spaces in the virtual world, many of which are available to us free of cost. It is also a platform for the discussion of the problems we face as we attempt to use these tools, and a chance to understand how we may find creative solutions to these problems. In the hands-on sessions led by researchers and trainers, it is hoped that participants at this workshop will begin to adapt their time-tested methods to new mediums and also, at the same time, explore the possibilities for new methods created by these mediums.



# ABOUT VIT

Vellore Institute of Technology, or VIT as it is popularly known, is one of India's leading institutes of higher education, and has been recognized by the Government of India as an 'Institution of Eminence' (IoE).

Founded by the Chancellor Dr. G. Viswanathan as Vellore Engineering College in 1984, VIT has grown over the years into an institution of international standards. The cosmopolitan environment, state-of-the-art facilities, academic excellence and global exposure at the institute attract students from all over India and from 51 countries.

VIT has introduced several innovations in the academic process such as a fully flexible credit system, project based learning, the opportunity to participate in innumerable Hackathons and Makeathons, and regular interactions with experts from the industry. Faculty and students also benefit immensely from international exchange programs.

The beautifully maintained campus is itself a prime attraction at VIT. The School of Social Sciences and Languages welcomes you to experience the atmosphere at this institution by participating in this workshop organized by the Department of English.

## LEADERSHIP

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# PROGRAM

- ❖ 09:30 Arrival of participants and disbursement of workshop kits
  - ❖ 09:45 Inaugural session
  - ❖ 10:00 Keynote address: Dr. Milind Malshe (IIT Bombay)
  - ❖ 11:00 Tea
  - ❖ 11:15 Workshop Session I: Dr. Anusha Ramanathan (TISS, Mumbai)
  - ❖ 01: 15 Lunch
  - ❖ 02:15 Workshop Session II: Dr. Saroja Ganapathy (VIT, Vellore)
  - ❖ 04: 30 Tea and discussion
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# THE WORKSHOP IN BRIEF

In his keynote address, Dr. Milind Malshe will trace the development of English Language Teaching, pointing out how what we understand as “technology” has undergone transformation through each stage of this development.

Dr. Anusha Ramanathan and Dr. Saroja Ganapathy will take participants through hands-on sessions with the help of certain specific examples of technology-enhanced language teaching and learning. Drawing on her experience with the award-winning Connected Learning Initiative, Dr. Anusha Ramanathan will lead participants through an exploration of selected online resources. The key question to focus upon would be how content creators and teachers make crucial decisions while using technological tools.

Dr. Saroja Ganapathy will share with the participants the findings of her ongoing project under the ELT Research Mentorship Scheme (ELTRMS) of the British Council. She will dwell on the translation of ideas from the physical classroom to the virtual space and vice versa. The two workshop sessions will prompt the participants to reflectively engage with medium and methodology. The aim is to deliberate upon what to select, reject or adapt creatively in order to personalize and contextualize technology-enhanced learning.



# ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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## Registration Fee

Rs. 200 only (includes workshop kit, lunch and tea)

## Payment Link

<http://info.vit.ac.in/Events-VIT/Technology-Assisted-Language/apply.asp>