



## ISTW'24 – Keynote speakers



**Kiruthika Ragupathi**

Senior Associate Director at the Centre for Development of Teaching and Learning, National University of Singapore. Her research work focuses on academic development, assessment, interdisciplinary education, student living-learning experiences, and online teaching. She leads the foundational professional development programmes for early career academics, the course design institute, educator-in-residence programme, and teaches academic development courses for faculty at the university. She also oversees and manages the centralised teaching quality instruments—student evaluation of teaching and peer review of teaching.



**Melanie Ellis**

Associate Professor of Applied Linguistics at the Silesian University of Technology in Gliwice, Poland. Working in an English-medium programme, through a focus on task design, she is experimenting with how to provide students with quality learning experiences, which help them to meet course targets, but at the same time equip them with skills they need for the future. She has been investigating the competences students feel they develop as they work on group projects and how this relates to their approach to learning. She continues to be engaged in research on young learners of English as a Foreign language who have difficulties in learning to read.

### **Yuliana Lavrysh**



Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences, Full Professor, at the Faculty of Linguistics, Head of the Department of English Language for Engineering, Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, Ukraine. She has been teaching English as a foreign language and ESP for about 25 years at BA, MA, and PhD levels. The spheres of her scientific research are: lifelong learning, virtual exchange, comparative education, teaching English for Specific Purposes, integration of educational technologies in language learning. She is author and co-author of more than 110 scientific publications within these areas of scientific research. Yuliana Lavrysh is a member of editorial boards of scientific journals in Ukraine and takes part in national (Ukrainian) and international conferences, forums, workshops, seminars, webinars.

### **Małgorzata (Gosia) Kurek**



University Professor at the Institute of Linguistics at Jan Długosz University, Czestochowa, Poland. She is a researcher, teacher trainer and experienced Virtual Exchange practitioner and trainer. Her primary research interests lie in the areas of Virtual Exchange and intercultural communication, teacher education and critical digital literacy. She currently serves as a trainer for UniCollaboration, an international organisation promoting Virtual Exchange in higher education, for which she delivers and coordinates VE training sessions and courses.

### **Anna Turula**



Professor Anna Turula is an experienced CALL / EFL teacher and teacher trainer. She is currently based at UKEN University in Krakow, Poland, where she is Head of the Technology Enhanced Language Education (TELE) Department. Her research interests include: information and communication technologies in language learning and teacher training; critical virtual exchange; cognitive and affective factors in CALL; e-classroom dynamics. She is the proponent and organiser of the PL-CALL conference (2013, 2014, 2016, 2019 and 2023 in Warsaw and Krakow).