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### TESOL Announces 2024 Presidential Award Recipient

Alexandria, Va. (April 24, 2024) – TESOL International Association (TESOL) is pleased to recognize Dr. Robert Phillipson, professor emeritus in the Department of Management, Society and Communication at Copenhagen Business School in Denmark, as the TESOL 2024 Presidential Award recipient.

TESOL 2023-2024 President Shelley K. Taylor announced the award at the recent TESOL 2024 International Convention & Expo in Tampa, Florida, USA. She shared, “His wealth of experience and knowledge enable him to ‘talk the talk and walk the walk’ as teacher of the English language, language learner, language policy researcher, immigrant, activist, humanitarian, and friend. I am proud and delighted that TESOL is bestowing the Presidential Award on Dr. Phillipson.” [Watch Dr. Phillipson’s acceptance speech.](#)

A renowned scholar in the field of English language teaching, Dr. Phillipson has long been a proponent of building English language teaching into the fabric of local linguistic/cultural ecologies, developing supportive language policies to safeguard a sustainable balance between English and other languages, and advocating for linguistic human rights in cases where linguistic discrimination has occurred. His seminal book “Linguistic Imperialism,” published by Oxford University Press in 1992, had a profound impact on the TESOL field by triggering a serious concern with critical scholarship and critical pedagogy.

In 2022, Dr. Phillipson and Tove Skutnabb-Kangas coedited a groundbreaking publication that sheds light on the challenges faced by numerous individuals and communities. “The Handbook of Linguistic Human Rights,” a pioneering work, offers a variety of theoretically grounded studies on linguistic human rights, illustrating the concept of linguistic justice and potential pathways to its realization.

The TESOL Presidential Award is selected annually by TESOL’s president to recognize individuals or entities who have supported efforts for the English language teaching field in line with TESOL’s values.

### About TESOL International Association

TESOL International Association is the trusted global community for knowledge and expertise in English language teaching. TESOL advances the professional expertise in English language teaching to speakers of other languages in multilingual contexts worldwide through professional learning, research, standards, and advocacy. In

principle and in practice, TESOL values professionalism, respect, integrity, and lifelong learning and seeks diverse and inclusive participation within the field of English language teaching. TESOL promotes equitable representation, engagement, and broad access to professional opportunities for all and works to eliminate any kind of discrimination. TESOL is a professional community of more than 13,000 English language professionals representing more than 150 countries. For more information, please visit [www.tesol.org](http://www.tesol.org).

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