

Futurology



In order to assist groups who would like to facilitate their own Summit on the Future of the TESOL Profession, TESOL International Association would like to provide the following “ready to use” theme-based session outlines. A simple workshop plan might run as follows:

1. Share the theme, brief definition, and starter questions with your group (5 minutes)
2. View the Guiding Principle Presentations (50 minutes)
3. Facilitate round table discussions (60 minutes)
4. View the Session Summary and Q&A (55 minutes)
5. Send feedback to TESOL International Association (per your feedback)

Feel free to start and stop the videos to engage in your own facilitated conversations. It will take roughly 3 hours and 15 minutes to get through this theme.

1. Futurology

The field of Future Studies offers a broad, holistic perspective that is essential for understanding the English language profession both today and in the future.

- What are the mega-trends (political, economic, social, intercultural, legal, and digital) and how do they impact English and English language education?
- What should policy makers keep in mind given these mega-trends?
- What should organizations, institutions, and TESOL professionals keep in mind given these mega-trends?

2. View the Guiding Principle Presentations

Middle of the page: <http://www.tesol.org/summit-2017/themes/futurology-recorded-sessions>

3. Facilitate round table discussions

Here are the Futurology questions that we asked of the Summit Delegates in Athens:

- What are your initial thoughts and reactions to these presentations?
- What are the economic and political trends affecting the TESOL profession in your context?
- With the tension between globalization and nationalism, what do we need to do to stay true to our core values of equity, professionalism and a broadened view of what counts as professional knowledge?
- What are the opportunities and challenges related to social media in the development and growth of the TESOL Professional?
- Looking forward, who will be the best people to carry out research and how will they implement their research design?

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Choose trusted colleagues to facilitate these round table discussions. We recommend groups of 6 people, one facilitator, and one note-taker. Sit these groups of 8 at round tables to maximize conversations.

4. View the Session Summary and Q&A

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5. Send feedback to TESOL International Association

Please share your Futurology feedback here:

<https://tesolorg.wufoo.com/forms/z1oht5l20e6jsyt/>

Sections at this link are organized by the round table discussion questions. Feel free to share the notes you have taken under each question. There is also a place to add any additional comments/feedback.

In order for TESOL International Association to capture your content, please complete this short questionnaire by 31 September 2017.