

Dottorato in Inglese per Scopi Speciali

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Prove precedenti

- Which intrinsic features of the English language do you think make it suitable, or unsuitable, as a language of international scientific communication?
- Consider the relationship between English and technology. For instance, the influence of technology on English; the influence of English on other languages or on other cultures, because of its use in technology.
- Translating into English today: a language of international communication which is now becoming dissociated from the culture in which it has been functioning naturally up to now. Discuss.
- The analysis of spoken and written language is used to enact social and cultural perspectives and identities. Discuss.
- "To understand the language of discourse... we need to understand the world in which it resides; and to understand the world in which language resides, we need to go outside of linguistics." Discuss.
- Reading as an interactive process: reader, text and culture.
- Communication does not occur in a vacuum. Discuss the importance of context in verbal exchange within the same culture and/or at a cross-cultural level.
- Discuss, with appropriate illustrations, possible ways in which different varieties of English can be identified.
- Do you think that the use of English in specialist discourse by non-native speakers has particular implications for the future of English and other languages?
- "Human beings do not live in the objective world alone, nor alone in the world of social activity as ordinarily understood, but are very much at the mercy of the particular language which has become the medium of expression for their society". Sapir 1958 [1929], p. 69) What issues has Sapir's argument brought to the field of Linguistics?
- Text and textuality. Develop these concepts with reference to the genres brought about new technologies.
- Evaluate the role which Discourse Analysis has played in contemporary English studies. Illustrate your answer with relevant examples.