

FED-CLLE Seminar: “From Novelty to Real Impact: The Evolution of AI in Language Assessment and Learning”

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Speaker:

Dr. Xiaoming XI is Director at the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority, leading the Assessment Technology and Research Division, the Education Assessment Services Division and the International and Professional Examinations Division. Previously she was Executive Director of New Product Development and Senior Director in R&D at ETS. Her research leadership has impacted global large-scale tests such as ETS’s TOEFL, TOEIC and higher education tests as well as Hong Kong’s tests for college admissions, teacher certification and students’ progress monitoring.

Abstract:

This talk explores the transformative journey of AI in language assessment and learning, tracing key technological milestones, challenges, and emerging opportunities. Dr. Xi critically analyzes the phenomenon of "AI hype," using examples to illustrate the gap between technological promise and practical scalability. She will discuss the limitations of early systems, including reliance on large volumes of human-labelled data, difficulties in evaluating higher-order skills, low accuracy, and poor generalizability. With the advent of GenAI, the landscape has shifted, enabling more robust and scalable applications for scoring, feedback, and content generation. She will offer recommendations for integrating AI into assessment and learning in the GenAI era, particularly on how to address new challenges in developing scoring models for high-stakes testing, learning tools, and test development platforms.