

Spring Days on Artificial Intelligence for Language Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Hosted in Perugia at the Università per Stranieri di Perugia

Promoted by the CVCL (*Centre for Evaluation and Language Certification*)

In cooperation with ALTE

Association of Language Testers in Europe

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18-20 May 2026

The **Spring Days on Artificial Intelligence for Language Learning, Teaching and Assessment** aims to bring together researchers, educators, language professionals, and assessment specialists to explore how AI is reshaping language education and testing practices worldwide.

The Spring Days will aim at answering the following question:

“In our multilingual society, how can we use AI to ‘augment’ the role of the human in language education, without replacing it?”

Hosted in Perugia, as a follow-up to the [Winter School](#) (19-23 January 2026), the program will offer three intensive days of keynote lectures, workshops, and Round Tables addressing:

- AI-powered language learning environments and tutoring systems
- Generative AI in classroom practice and materials development
- Automated assessment, feedback, and adaptive testing
- Ethical, pedagogical, and policy implications of AI in language education
- Academic integrity, fairness, and transparency in AI-assisted evaluation
- Teacher training and digital literacy for AI-enhanced language teaching

Participants will engage with international experts while developing practical competencies in integrating AI tools into educational and assessment contexts. The Spring Days on AI aim to foster sustainable collaboration between universities, testing organizations, and educational institutions, supporting responsible innovation in multilingual education.

The event is designed for:

- language teachers and teacher trainers,
- assessment specialists,
- researchers in applied linguistics and educational technology,
- doctoral and early-career researchers,
- educational policymakers and EdTech developers.

The official languages of the Spring Days will be Italian, English, and French: a multilingual AI service will be available in the room.

Provisional Programme

Chair: Letizia Cinganotto, CVCL, University for Foreigners of Perugia
Co-chairs: Nick Saville, Waldemar Martyniuk, ALTE

18 May 2026

h. 10.30

Registration (first session)

h. 11.00

Guided tour of Perugia (optional)

h. 13.30

Registration (second session)

h. 14.00

Welcome and institutional greetings

Valerio De Cesaris

Rector of the University for Foreigners of Perugia

Sabrina Stroppa

Director of LiLAIM Department

University for Foreigners of Perugia

Giovanna Scocoza

Director of the Centre for Language Evaluation and Certification (CVCL)

University for Foreigners of Perugia

Barbara Turchetta

Coordinator of the Scientific Committee of the CVCL
University of Bergamo

Michele Mazzola
Head of Office III – Internationalization of the Research
Ministry of University and Research

h. 14.45
Introduction to the Spring Days on AI

Letizia Cinganotto
Scientific Coordinator of the Spring Days on AI
University for Foreigners of Perugia

h. 15.00
Nick Saville and Waldemar Martyniuk
ALTE (Association of Language Testers in Europe)

h. 16.00
Giorgia Montanucci, Sara Ferretti, University for Foreigners of Perugia
Leonardo Angelini, Cobaltica
AI at the University for Foreigners of Perugia: IMPACT and “Scenari ItallAni”

h. 16.30
Simone Filippetti, University for Foreigners of Perugia
AI at the University for Foreigners of Perugia: “AIDI”

h. 17.00
Claudio Battaglia, Danilo Rini
CVCL, University for Foreigners of Perugia
AI at CVCL

h. 17.30
Tommaso Minerva, Valentino Santucci
UNIMORE, University for Foreigners of Perugia
UNISTRAPG in EDUNEXT

h. 18.00
Michael Thomas
John Moores University, Liverpool Institute for Research in Education (LIFE)

h. 19.00
End of Day 1 and Welcoming toast

19 May 2026

h. 9.30

Vincent Folny

ALTE (Association of Language Testers in Europe)

h. 10.30

ROUND TABLE:

AI and the Future of Language Assessment: Standards, Validity and Ethics

Moderator: Monica Barni, La Sapienza Rome

Speakers:

- 1- Vincent Folny, ALTE
- 2- Danilo Rini, CVCL
- 3- Daniele Bernardinelli, CINECA
- 4- Giulia Peri, University for Foreigners of Siena
- 5- Mike Mayor, Pearson
- 6- Elisabetta Bonvino, Diego Cortes, University of Roma Tre

Focus:

- AI in certification exams
- validity and reliability of automated scoring
- transparency and bias in AI assessment
- policy and accreditation implications

h. 12.00

Christopher Graham

IATEFL (International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language)

h. 13.00

Lunch break

h. 14.00

Pauline Ernest

ECML (European Centre for Modern Languages)

h. 15.00

ROUND TABLE:

AI in Language Teaching: Opportunities and Risks for Teachers and Learners

Moderator: Roberto Dolci, University for Foreigners of Perugia

Speakers:

- 1- Valeria Caruso, AItLA
- 2- Massimo Maggini, ILSA- Insegnanti Italiano Lingua Seconda Associati
- 3- Sarah Ellis, Nick Beer, Cambridge University Press and Assessment
- 4- Adriana Colossio, Omar Schiavoni, British Council
- 5- Valentino Santucci, University for Foreigners of Perugia
- 6- Alessandro Mencarelli, OxfordAQA

Focus:

- teacher roles in AI-supported classrooms
- student autonomy and AI tutors
- training needs and professional development
- ethical classroom integration

h. 16.30

Julia Consuelo Zabala Delgado

CERCLES (European Confederation of Language Centres in Higher Education)

h. 17.30

Slobodanka Dimova

EALTA (European Association for Language Testing and Assessment)

h.18.30

Discussion and End of Day 2

20 May 2026

h. 9.30

Mirjam Hauck

EUROCALL (European Association for Computer-Assisted Language Learning)

h. 10.30

ROUND TABLE:

Teacher Professional Development and Responsible AI Adoption

Moderator: Andrea Villarini, University for Foreigners of Siena, DILLE – Didattica delle Lingue e Linguistica Educativa

Speakers:

- 1- Francesca Gallina, GISCEL – Gruppo di Intervento e Studio nel Campo dell'Educazione Linguistica
- 2- Cristina Gaggioli, University for Foreigners of Perugia
- 3- Ozgen Cervo, ETS Goal Testing
- 4- Manuela Kelly Calzini, Trinity College, London
- 5- Jessica Niewint, INDIRE – Istituto Nazionale per la Documentazione, l'Innovazione e la Ricerca Educativa
- 6- Talia Sbardella, University for Foreigners of Perugia

Focus:

- teacher training needs and AI literacy.
- classroom practices, CLIL and multilingual contexts.
- co-design of AI-enhanced tasks, institutional policies and guidelines for safe, inclusive use

h. 12.00

Juliet Wilson

Cambridge International Education

h.13.00

Lunch break

h.14.00

Beatrice Segura Harvey

NILE

h.15.00

Julie Wallis

AISLi – Associazione Italiane Scuole di Lingue

h.16.00

Barbara Spinelli

Columbia University

h.16.45

AI SPRING DAYS RESOLUTION 2026 AND FOLLOW-UP

Letizia Cinganotto, Nick Saville, Waldemar Martyniuk

h.17.30

CLOSING REMARKS AND CERTIFICATE CEREMONY

Letizia Cinganotto, Giovanna Scocozza, Barbara Turchetta