

# UNIVERSEH EMI (English-Medium Instruction in Higher Education) Special Interest Group

## Invitation to Meet-up 5

### ***Designing an Effective EMI Framework in STEM Training: the case of the University of Toulouse, France***

**We are delighted to invite you to our Meet-up 5. Our speaker on 19 December 2025 will be:**

**Nadia Yassine-Diab**, an Associate Professor at the University of Toulouse (UT). She has been teaching ESOL students for the last twenty years in different contexts such as public universities, engineering schools and the equivalent to state colleges. Her teaching and research interests are digital game-based language learning and teaching, artificial intelligence and language learning, collaboration and peer learning, EMI and multilingualism in today's world. She is also the Head of the Modern Languages Department at UT.

#### **About the talk:**

*As internationalization reshapes higher education across Europe, English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI) is becoming increasingly widespread even in traditionally non-Anglophone contexts such as France. Since the enactment of the Fioraso Law (2013), French universities have expanded their English-taught programmes. Many of these initiatives, however, have emerged as isolated efforts by individual lecturers, often without institutional or pedagogical support to address the dual challenge of teaching disciplinary content while navigating a foreign language.*

*At the University of Toulouse, a significant shift has been recently initiated to address this gap. Involving science lecturers, English for Specific Purposes (ESP) instructors from the Department of Languages and instructional designers, the project fosters a structured collaboration to support upcoming EMI practice, while offering a shared space for dialogue, training and innovation. Following an exploratory diagnostic survey in late 2024, a modular training program was developed in 2025. It integrates digital tools, reflective teaching EMI strategies, localized pedagogical approaches, and an introduction to intercultural communication which all offer a flexible yet coherent framework tailored to teaching science in English. This presentation explores the transition from isolated individual efforts to a more collaborative, interdisciplinary model. It highlights hybridization practices, faculty perceptions, and the impact on teaching and learning in a foreign language. The case offers insights into how universities could support sustainable EMI through shared expertise and contextualized frameworks—particularly relevant in non-Anglophone contexts.*

- Moderator: Anna Krukiewicz-Gacek, AGH University of Krakow
- Date: 19th December
- Time: 11:00–12:30 CET
- Location: Online (MS Teams)
- Participants will receive certificates of participation

➡ Please register here to join the meet-up:

**English Medium Instruction SIG Online Meet-up V**

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## UNIVERSEH EMI (English-Medium Instruction in Higher Education) Special Interest Group

The **UNIVERSEH EMI Special Interest Group** brings together **teachers, researchers, and administrative staff** across the UNIVERSEH alliance who are engaged in **English-Medium Instruction (EMI)** and **English-Medium Education (EME)**.

We work in **multilingual, international, and intercultural** academic environments — and this group is our space to connect.

### What we do:

We offer a dynamic space to:

- ◆ Share experiences across disciplines and institutions
- ◆ Raise questions about EMI practice
- ◆ Explore challenges and solutions together

### Our activities include:

- ◆ Online meet-ups
- ◆ Presentations at conferences
- ◆ Open discussions

### Topics include:

- ◆ Teacher development
  - ◆ Classroom pedagogic strategies and techniques
  - ◆ Multilingualism and multiculturalism in EMI
- ... and much more.

### Who should join? Our talks and events are for:

- ◆ University teachers who teach their subject in English
- ◆ Professional development staff – e.g. those running EMI/EME preparation or academic English or EMI courses
- ◆ Researchers and academics with an interest in EMI/EME practices
- ◆ All members of the academic community interested in multilingual and intercultural higher education

### Get involved:

Got an idea for a talk, workshop, or discussion? We'd love to hear it!

**All UNIVERSEH colleagues are warmly invited to attend our events — and help shape what comes next. Let's explore EMI together!**

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