

New Directions Conference Schedule

(as of 5 December)

Sunday 8 December

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18:00	180 mins	Buffet and Drinks including Group Photo	Networking Event All Attendees Invited																																			

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Discussant: Dr Jamie Dunlea Intro (5 m)	Zuraidah Mohd Don UTM and UPSI Malaysia (10m)	Dr Nguyen Thi Ngoc Quynh Vietnam National University, Hanoi Vietnam (10m)	Dr Conrado Inigo Lyceum of the Philippines University Philippines (10m)	Professor Yukio Tono Tokyo University of Foreign Studies Japan (10m)	Dr Mark Chapman WIDA USA (10m)	Summary by discussant (5-10m) and Discussion

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