

# Kim Anne Barchi

## Experience

**Language teacher, facilitator and business consultant, Italy** **01/06/2012 to current**

English language teacher for non-native speakers, specifically young adults and adults. Current positions:

- Language Expert (English) at the University of Padova, Italy (since 2014);
- Language Teacher (English) at the University of Bolzano, Italy (since 2015);
- Member of the language assessment unit at the University of Padova and University of Bolzano, Italy (since 2016) – activities involve item/prompt creation and revision, student evaluation.
- June-August 2019 Shanghai Tech University, Shanghai, P.R. China: EAP foundation and advanced courses
- 2013 – 2023 Professor of English Grammar and Language at the Scuola Superiore Mediatori Linguistici, Padova, Italy.
- 2015/ current: Freelance revision of academic papers and articles, in particular scientific and business-related topics (English language).
- 2014/2022: Coordinator for the China Desk at the University of Padova, dealing with collaboration projects with Chinese Universities and Institutions. Activities involve language and cultural facilitation, coordination of activities, development of relations and student recruitment and support.
- 2012/2024: Business consultant for companies that work with Asia. In particular, activities related to import/export management such as: research and analysis of potential suppliers, visits to suppliers and check of certifications and licenses, coordination for orders, shipments, quality controls, translation of documents, organization and translation during joint visits with clients.
- 2014/2015: Coordinator for the Language Centre of the University of Padova, Italy for the Academic English support intensive language courses (programme called 50 Hours English), specifically activities involve coordinating teachers, activities, materials and any related information/problem that may arise.

**Super Rail Ltd., Hong Kong** **01/09/2009 to 31/12/2011**

- Trading company based in Hong Kong specialized in researching specific products for European customers. Created as a support to Ritmo S.p.A. and other companies of the group.
- Position: General Manager. Activities involved general administration, liaising with lawyers and accountant, management of client portfolio, direct contacts with main suppliers and quality control of goods purchased. Sectors varied according to client's requests.

**Changshu Ritmo Welding Co. Ltd, Suzhou, P.R. China** **01/10/2006 to 31/12/2011**

- Branch of Ritmo S.p.A., Italy, created to cover the Asian market, including India, S.E. Asia, China, South Korea.
- Position: General Coordinator. Initially responsible for the purchase office, then coordinator for the whole branch. Activities involved, at different stages: management of purchase office, management of sales and marketing office, general administration of production and related issues.
- Job involved intensive travelling in Asia, constant communication with clients, suppliers, local staff and head office in Italy; often mediating the different needs of each and finding adequate solutions in order to meet budget deadlines.

**Various activities – minor positions** 2000-2006

Various part time and full-time jobs as interpreter, language teacher, assistant and secretary – located in Italy, UK and China.

## Education

**PhD in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages** 10/2020 – current

**Leicester University, Leicester, U.K. until 2023 the transferred to Lancaster University**

Research focus: Language assessment and the impact of different sources in multimodal integrated speaking tests.

**MSc in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages** 01/06/2014 to 12/03/2017

**Stirling University, Stirling, U.K. - Merit**

Blended (distance and frontal) master course specialized in teaching English to speakers of other languages. Includes: Learner's psychology, linguistics, advanced grammar for teachers, discourse analysis, etc.

**Internationalization Processes for Enterprises (with knowledge of Oriental languages)** 01/03/2006 to 01/03/2007

**I.C.E. Istituto Commerciale Estero, Venice International University, Venice, Italy**

Postgraduate degree specializing in import/export issues, internationalizing small and medium companies, finding adequate marketing strategies for expanding business outside of national borders.

**MSc in International Management** 01/09/2004 to 01/10/2005

**SOAS – School of Oriental and Asian Studies, University of London, U.K. - Merit**

Master course aimed to International management problems. Courses included international management, cross-culture management, HR management, Chinese economy and development, International law.

**BA Oriental Languages and Culture (Chinese)** 01/10/1997 to 01/10/2003

**Venice University Ca' Foscari, Venice, Italy – final mark 107/110**

Four-year bachelor's degree in Chinese Language and Culture. Other courses included English language and linguistics, modern and contemporary history, economy, classical Chinese.

## Other training

**Statistics for language testing (single course of the Master in Language Testing)** March . June 2023

Lancaster University

**Standard Setting Workshop** March 2023

University of Bolzano, Italy

**Being a Teacher Trainer** October – December 2022

Sheffield University, U.K.

**ALTE Multimodal Constructs and Technology Use in Integrated Language Assessment** 5-16 September 2022

**Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CELTA)** January – June 2022

University of Sheffield, U.K

**Learning Technologies in EAP for Teachers**  
Sheffield University, U.K.

February-April 2021

**Teaching English for Academic Purposes (intensive course)**  
SOAS – School of Oriental and Asian Studies, University of London, U.K.

November 2021

**ALTE Introductory Course in Language Testing**  
University of Lisbon Incubator

09/2019

## Conferences

- 04/2023 “Aligning a multimodal integrated speaking assessment task to the Common European Framework of Reference” at the 8th ALTE International conference, Madrid, Spain.
- 09/2020 “A pilot project in Project Based Teaching and Learning” at the International presented during the Symposium on Intensive Language Teaching and Learning in Higher Education at the University of Bolzano, Bolzano, Italy.
- 09/2019 “Creation and Implementation of a Multimodal Integrated Computer-Assisted Language Test of Oral Production (TAL B2 CBO) at the University of Padova Language Centre” presented during the 2019 AICLU, Rome, Italy.

## Publications

- Barchi, K.A. and Bisset, M.J. (2023). Aligning a multimodal integrated speaking assessment task to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Conference Proceedings of the ALTE 8th International Conference. [https://www.gast.de/fileadmin/gast.de/GAST/4\\_PDF/2-Forschung-Entwicklung/Publikationen/8th\\_ALTE\\_Conference\\_Proceedings.pdf](https://www.gast.de/fileadmin/gast.de/GAST/4_PDF/2-Forschung-Entwicklung/Publikationen/8th_ALTE_Conference_Proceedings.pdf)
- Barchi, K.A. and Bisset, M.J. (2020). Creation and Implementation of a Multimodal Integrated Computer-Assisted Language Test of Oral Production. In *Didattica Innovativa nei Centri Linguistici Italiani tra Nuove Tecnologie e Ascolto*, Fazio, A., Bonvino, E and Menghini, M. (eds.) Vol. 7, 105-118. Roma: RomaTre Press.
- Ennis, M. J., Barchi, K. A., Merello Astigarraga, A. and Wimhurst, A. (2022). A pilot course with project-based learning in an intensive English program. *CercleS* 12(1): 57–85. <https://doi.org/10.1515/cercles-2022-2047>