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Promoting Oral Language Skills as a Route to Literacy Achievement

October 29, 17:45–19:00

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Yasumoto International Academic Park, CUHK

Language: English

All are welcome!



Prof. Catherine E. Snow, Harvard University

How does the talk children hear and take part in shape their success as readers and writers? Professor Catherine Snow synthesises two decades of research to argue that oral language is the foundation on which literacy is built, presenting strategies such as rich classroom discussion, vocabulary growth, and academic language development. These questions carry particular weight in multilingual societies such as Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area, where many children learn to read in a language they are still acquiring.

Professor Catherine E. Snow, the John H. and Elisabeth A. Hobbs Research Professor of Cognition and Education at Harvard Graduate School of Education, is one of the world's foremost authorities on children's language and literacy development. A past President of the American Educational Research Association, her influential scholarship on bilingualism, vocabulary development, and teacher preparation has shaped literacy policy and practice worldwide.

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