

The next meeting of our **“CERLL Teatime Research Circle”** will be on **Friday March 31st from 3 to 5 pm at OISE room 10-200**, and you are warmly invited to join the discussion group.

On this occasion, we will be discussing the topic
“Descriptors for mediation, an undervalued concept”

Since its publication in 2001 the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), translated into 40 Languages, has been used worldwide as a vehicle to foster change in Second Language Education (SLE). Almost two decades later, the Council of Europe commissioned an international 3-year project to extend the CEFR illustrative descriptors, and in particular to provide descriptors for mediation. Mediation, as presented in the new descriptors, encompasses both relational and cognitive processes such as creating the space and conditions for communication and/or learning, constructing and co-constructing new meaning, and/or conveying received meaning, whilst adapting input in order to facilitate understanding.

The discussion will be facilitated by Dr Brian North, the coordinator of the project.

In preparation for the discussion you are invited to read the following sections of the research report: [Sections 1-5, pp 1-22, plus Section 7, pp. 43-45 – and look at the charts on pages 23-28.](#)