TasTESOL Term 4 Forum, 2026 – Dr Snezhana Chernova JP (Snow) and Dr Ana Lobo

Our two TasTESOL members who were selected by the committee to attend the ACTA conference will share their insights at our upcoming Term 4 Forum

Dr Snezhana Chernova: ACTA 2026: From Talk to Thought to Taught

Dr Ana Lobo: ACTA 2026 Unpacked: Bold Ideas, Fresh Thinking and What's Next!

Date: Monday November 9th 5pm-6pm

Location: Online: Zoom

Cost:

- TasTESOL and Other TESOL association members – no cost
- non-members - $15
- students - $10

Bank Details - BSB: 067-002 Account number: 2800 6086

- Please use full name as reference
- Payments due by Friday 6th of November

RSVP by Friday 6th of November to contact.tastesol@gmail.com. Forum Zoom link will be sent prior to the date.

More information about our speakers below

Dr Snezhana Chernova JP (Snow)

Presentation Blurb: ACTA 2026: From Talk to Thought to Taught

Turning conference conversations into critical reflection and classroom practice

What happens when the conference ends, but the questions are only beginning?

Can artificial intelligence simulate the diversity of human behaviour? If AI can imitate how humans think and behave, what does it truly mean to be human? And if AI can teach, what makes teaching a uniquely human art?

These three questions shaped Dr Snezhana Chernova's (Snow) professional inquiry at ACTA 2026. Drawing on selected conference sessions, she invites educators on a reflective journey from TALK (what was heard), through THOUGHT (what was critically considered), to TAUGHT (what has been or could be brought into classroom practice).

Exploring AI, linguistic diversity, learner autonomy and the human dimensions of education, this presentation offers fresh perspectives, critical questions and practical possibilities for TESOL educators.

Because what we hear can challenge how we think and inspire what we teach.

Professional Biography:



Dr Snezhana Chernova JP (Snow) is a Leading Vocational Teacher at TAFE Queensland, a fully registered Queensland secondary English teacher, and a doctoral researcher at the University of Tasmania. Originally from Russia, she previously served as a Senior Lecturer in Linguistics at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), having earned her first PhD in Philology (Linguistics) in 2010.

Her current doctoral research explores technology-enhanced grammar learning among culturally and linguistically diverse English language learners. Her professional interests span applied linguistics, innovative TESOL pedagogy, educational technology, artificial intelligence, multilingualism, and inclusive education.

An English Australia Innovation Award winner (2022), NEAS Master Practitioner (2023), and English Australia Innovation Award finalist (2026), Snezhana is passionate about bridging linguistic research and meaningful classroom practice.

Her professional philosophy is captured in her motto: "Never stop learning because life never stops teaching."

Dr Ana Lobo

Presentation Blurb

ACTA 2026 Unpacked: Bold Ideas, Fresh Thinking and What's Next!
What happens when TESOL educators from across Australia (and beyond!) come together to share ideas, challenge assumptions and explore what's next for language education?
Join Dr Ana Lobo for a lively look back at ACTA 2026, from the conference atmosphere and standout speakers to fresh perspectives, emerging trends and innovative approaches. Along the way, Ana will share some of the ideas that caught her attention, a few surprises, and reflections on what these conversations might mean for TESOL practice.

Professional Biography



Dr Ana Lobo is a Senior Teaching Fellow and Academic Coach at the University of Tasmania's University College. Her work focuses on student engagement, retention, the first-year university experience and inclusive approaches to learning, with a particular interest in supporting students from diverse educational and linguistic backgrounds.
Previously at Griffith University, Ana contributed to the Griffith English Language Enhancement Strategy (GELES), which received an International Education Association of Australia (IEAA) Award in 2013 and an Australian Award for University Teaching in 2014.
Her contributions to higher education have also been recognised through a UTAS Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning in 2022 and a UTAS Leadership Award in 2023.