

East Speaks West, West Speaks East. Two Continents, One Classroom

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Abstract

East Speaks West, West Speaks East is an ICT-based collaborative project of Asia-Europe Classroom Net.

Language learning in the 21st century! Gone are the days when language learning is very much limited, costly and a matter of privilege. Language learning has evolved through the years through ICT webtools. It has become more innovative, inventive, alive, collaborative and fun, too.

It gives European and Asian students the chance to share, teach and learn their respective languages. Students are encouraged to "rediscover" the wheel of language learning: assimilation - listening, repetition and immersion. This project concentrates more on experiencing the essence of the language. We help learners to feel the language; cadence, rhythm, intonation, melody and its other intangible properties away from the traditional grammar approach. We believe that language learning starts from getting to know it the same way we learned our mother language from the very start. Through ICT webtools application, the teachers and learners of two continents are working hand in hand in the process. They continuously discover ICT tools to effectively learn the language and transport knowledge.

ESWWSE Pedagogy of language learning has got two phases: Language Production Stage and Language Learning Stage.

Language Production Stage requires translation from English to mother language and recording.

Language Learning Stage requires "assimilation" which is "listening- repetition –immersion". This gives the students the chance to get to know the intangible properties of the foreign language they are learning.

Learning materials and all activities produced by the students are uploaded, could be viewed and downloaded from the website.