



## CURRICULUM VITAE

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3. Academic Qualification: Ph.D (Applied Linguistics), 2004 (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia UKM)  
MA (TESL), 1998 (UKM)  
Diploma in Education (English Language), 1991(UKM)  
BA (Hons) (English Studies), 1990 (UKM)
4. Brief Career History: I have worked in UPM for 28 years. I began work as Guru Bahasa in 1991. Became a tutor in English Studies in 1996. Completed Master in 1998 and PhD in 2004. Began work as a lecturer in Applied Linguistics in 2005 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2010. Have been a senior associate editor for The Asian ESP Journal since 2014.
5. Field(s) of Specialization: Applied Linguistics; English Language

6. Courses Taught: Discourse Analysis  
English for Specific Purposes  
Genre Studies  
Assessment in ESP  
Sociolinguistics  
Language and Culture  
Language and Power  
Second Language Acquisition  
Research Methodology  
Qualitative Inquiry in Language Studies  
Academic Writing  
Grammar in Context
7. Current Research Areas: Discourse Studies  
English for Specific Purposes  
Language Learning & Teaching  
Computer- & Mobile-Assisted Teaching & Learning  
Computer-Mediated Communication

8. Administrative Duties in UPM

Duties	Time Period
External Assessor for Doctor of Philosophy in English at Lincoln University College, Petaling Jaya	15.10.2018 - 14.10.2021
External Assessor for Bachelor of Arts English Studies Program at Tunku Abdul Rahman University College, Kuala Lumpur	15.9.2018 – 15.9.2019
Committee Member of University Ethics for Research involving Humans	1.6.2015 - 30.9.2021
Committee Member of Post Approval Subcommittee for Ethical Review of Research involving Humans	2.9.2015 - 30.9.2021
Head of Social Science Subcommittee for Ethical Review of Research involving Humans	1.10.2018 - 30.9.2020
Committee Member of Thesis Title Review Committee	1.7.2014 - 30.6.2020
Head of Layperson Reviewer Subcommittee for Ethical Review of Research involving Humans	9.1.2017 - 1.6.2018

Committee Member Self-Assessment Report Preparation for Postgraduate Program Across Departments	7.2.2013 - 6.2.2015
Committee Member Postgraduate Student Admission (English Language)	21.9. 2011 - 30.6.2012
Coordinator of Graduate Program (English Language)	1.7.2010 – 30.6. 2012

## 9. Research Grants: 12

	Project No.	Project Title	Role	Year	Source	Status
1	FBMK/0602/JBI06	The construction of physicality in a Malaysian internet chat room	Project Leader	2006	Faculty Research Fund	COMPLETED
2	SPLB 5315905	Politeness and disagreement in Malay – Japanese business negotiations	Project Leader	2007	Pensyarah Lantikan Baru, UPM	COMPLETED
3	FBMK/0701/JBI08	A discourse analysis of the features of radiotelephony communication between air-traffic controllers and pilots in the context of Malaysian aviation	Project Leader	2007	Faculty Research Fund	COMPLETED
4	FBMK/0701/JBI09	Speech acts for achieving persuasion in Mahathir's speeches	Project Leader	2007	Faculty Research Fund	COMPLETED
5	06-02-07-0413RU	The discourse of buying and selling unit trusts in Malaysian business communication	Project Leader	2008	Research Uni Grant Scheme (RUGS) (4)	COMPLETED
6	06-02-07-0378RU	Masalah interaksi dan cara pelajar berbilang kaum mengatasinya dalam konteks pembelajaran bahasa di sekolah wawasan	Project Member	2008	RUGS (4)	COMPLETED
7	06-02-07-0404RU	Pembelajaran bahasa yang menumbuhkan sikap wirausahawan	Project Member	2008	RUGS(4)	COMPLETED

8	UKM-GUP-JKKBG-08-01-001	Eastern perspectives of Western discourses of the East	Invited Research Fellow (UKM)	2009	UKM-GUP	COMPLETED
9	06-01-09-0793RU	A comparative study on language shift in mother tongue of Chinese and Indian community, M'sia	Project Member	2009	RUGS (3)	COMPLETED
10	GP-IPS/2014/9438724	Persuasive discourse in political speeches of Nelson Mandela	Project Leader	2014-2016	GP-IPS	COMPLETED
11	GP-IPS/2015/9450700	Twitterature of bilingual political leader: Language, ideologies and identities	Project Leader	2015-2017	GP-IPS	COMPLETED
12	GP/2017/9581300	Leadership in the discourse of apology	Project Leader	2017-2019	GP	ONGOING

10. Number of Postgraduate Students Supervised: See Attachment

Program	Status	As A Chairman	As A Member	Total
PhD	Graduated	4	5	9
	Ongoing	8	6	14
Master (with thesis)	Graduated	4	2	6
	Ongoing	1	-	1
Master (without thesis)	Graduated	33	-	33
	Ongoing	2	-	2

11. Appointment as Examiner: See Attachment

Degree	Internal Examiner	External Examiner	Total
Master	15	6	21
PhD	26	12	38

12. Achievements/Awards: Teaching Excellence Award 2014  
Vice Chancellor Fellowship Award (Teaching Category) 2018 Finalist

13. Number of Publications:

Publication	Quantity
Journal	33 papers
Book/book chapters	2 books 7 book chapters

14. Journal Publications: 33

- i. Paydari, S & Paramasivam, S. 2019. Rhetorical move analysis in Political Science research article abstracts in English in Iranian journals. *Journal of Language and Communication*. 6(1): 87-102.
- ii. Paramasivam, S., Varma, S.B., Nimehchisalem, V. (2019). Linguistic construction of a winning apology. *Research in Applied Linguistics*. 10(1):3-31.
- iii. Ramanathan, R, Tan, B.H. & Paramasivam, S. (2018). Metaphors in political tweets during national elections. *Pertanika Journal of Social Science and Humanities*. 26(2): 929-944.
- iv. Varma, S.B. & Paramasivam, S. (2018). Thematic analysis of leadership values in apologies. *Journal of English Language and Literature* 9(3): 914-925.
- v. Masjedi, N & Paramasivam, S. (2018). Complaint and politeness strategies used by Iranian speakers of English. *International Journal of Applied Linguistics and English Literature* 7(3): 38-49. DOI 10.7575/aiac.ijalel.v.7n.3p.38
- vi. Paramasivam, S & Subramaniam, S.K. (2018). Superior-subordinate request email in workplace communication of a Malaysian organization. *Journal of Intercultural Communication Research* 47(3): 161-187. DOI 10.1080/17475759.2018.1443969.
- vii. Ramanathan, R, Tan, B.H. & Paramasivam, S. (2017). Lexis in political ideas on Twitter. *International Journal of Applied Linguistics and English Literature*. 6(7): 342-352.
- viii. Hasan, H & Paramasivam, S. (2016). Language learning strategies across proficiency levels among EFL pre-university students. *Journal of Applied Linguistics and Language Research*. 3(4): 135-148.
- ix. Ali, A.F. & Paramasivam, S. (2016). Ideologies in Mandela's No Easy Walk to Freedom. *International Journal of Applied Linguistics and English Literature*. 5(5): 49-61.
- x. Paramasivam, S & Muhamad Izzat, R. (2016). Genre analysis of job application letters in Malaysia. *The Asian ESP Journal*. 12(2): 144-170.

- xi. Ali, A.F., Paramasivam, S., Tan, B.H. & Ahmad, Z. (2016). Persuasive strategies in Mandela's *No Easy Walk to Freedom*. *International Journal of Applied Linguistics and English Literature*. 5(1): 192-208.
- xii. Letchumanan, K., Tan, B.H., Paramasivam, S., Sabariah, M.R. & Muthusamy, P. (2015). Incidental learning of vocabulary through computer-based and paper-based games by secondary school ESL learners. *Pertanika Journal of Social Science and Humanities*. 23(3), 725-740.
- xiii. Ariff Imran, A.Y. & Paramasivam, S. (2015). Linguistic sexism and gender stereotypes in the writing of selected Malay male university students. *Journal of Language and Communication*. 2(2), 207-222.
- xiv. Zhiping, D., Paramasivam, S. & Jalaluddin, I. (2015). Influence of ancient Chinese *li* culture on modern Chinese politeness principles. *Journal of Language and Communication*. 2(1), 15-26.
- xv. Jalaluddin, I & Paramasivam, S. (2015). Differences in correlation between writing self-efficacy and writing performance: implications for addressing diversity among learners. *Sylwan*. 159(4), 261-277.
- xvi. Jalaluddin, I., Paramasivam, S., Husain, S. & Abu Bakar, R. (2015). The consistency between writing self-efficacy and writing performance. *Journal of Language Teaching and Research*. 6(3), 545-552.
- xvii. Enjavinezhad, M. & Paramasivam, S. (2014). Interlanguage syntax of L2 Persian speakers: The case of resumptive pronouns in English relative clauses. *International Journal of Education and Research*. 2(10), 277-288.
- xviii. Baudin, N. & Paramasivam, S. (2014). Swearing in English among a group of female Malaysian teenagers. *International Journal of Contemporary Applied Sciences*. 1(3), 14-25.
- xix. Veerappan, V., Hui S.W., Siew P.W. & Paramasivam, S. (2014). Mobile assisted teaching and learning in an institute of higher education. *International Review of Social Sciences and Humanities*. 8(1), 68-79.
- xx. Ramakrishna Pillai, A.D. & Paramasivam, S. (2014). Miscue analysis of oral reading among non-proficient Malaysian ESL learners. *Journal of English Language and Literature*. 2(2), 179-185.
- xxi. Alkhirbash, A., Paramasivam, S. & Ahmad, Z. (2014). Aspects of persuasive language in selected speeches of Mahathir Mohamad. *Journal of Language and Communication*. 1(1), 41-57.
- xxii. Paramasivam, S. (2013). Materials development for speaking skills in aviation English for Malaysian air traffic controllers: Theory and Practice. *The Journal of Teaching English for Specific and Academic Purposes* 1(2), 97-122.

- xxiii. Diao Zhiping & Paramasivam, S. (2013). Anxiety of speaking English in class among international students in a Malaysian university Anxiety of speaking English in class among international students in a Malaysian university. *International Journal of Education and Research* 1(11), 1-16
- xxiv. Tun Nur Hamizah & Paramasivam, S. (2013). Apology strategies by Malay learners of English in a Malaysian university *International Journal of Education and Research* 1(10), 139-152.
- xxv. Najafabadi, S.A. & Paramasivam, S. (2012). Iranian EFL learners' interlanguage request modifications: Use of external and internal supportive moves. *Theory and Practice in Language Studies*. 7(2), 1387-1396.
- xxvi. Zurina, M.N. & Paramasivam, S. (2012). Code-switching in Gol & Gincu. *Procedia*. 66, 169-175.
- xxvii. Paramasivam, S. (2011). Rapport management in air traffic control in Malaysian aviation discourse. Institutional Politeness in (South) East Asia. Special Issue of the *Journal of Asian Pacific Communication*. 21(1), 77-96.
- xxviii. Paramasivam, S. (2009). Language transfer as a communication strategy and a language learning strategy in a Malaysian classroom for English as a second language. *The Asian EFL Journal*. 11(1), 192-229.
- xxix. Paramasivam, S. (2007). A discourse-oriented model for analysing power and politeness in negotiation interaction: A cross-linguistic perspective. *Journal of Universal Language*. 8(1), 91-127.
- xxx. Paramasivam, S. (2007). Managing disagreement while managing not to disagree: Polite disagreement in negotiation discourse. *Journal of Intercultural Communication Research*. 36(2), 91-116.
- xxxi. Paramasivam, S. (2006). Coming to grips with the analysis of language and power. *Korean Journal of Applied Linguistics*. 22(2), 1-25.
- xxxii. Paramasivam, S & Kaur, M. (2004). Power play in negotiation interaction. *Journal of Language and Linguistics*. 23 (1), 42-52.
- xxxiii. Paramasivam, S. (1991). The use of oral interaction strategies in the management of conversation by a group of ESL students. *Journal On TESL* , 51-63.

#### 15. Book Chapters: 7

- i. Paramasivam, S., & Nursuhaila Osman. (2018). Syntactic features in Asian television football sport commentary. In Bahiyah Abdul Hamid, Fuzirah Hashim & Muhamad Subakir Mohd Yasin (eds.). *Interacting with Discourse: Foregrounding Socio-cultural Matters*. pp. 57-78. Bangi: Penerbit UKM.
- ii. Paramasivam, S., & Nair-Venugopal, S. (2012). Indian collectivism revisited: Unpacking the Western gaze. In Nair-Venugopal, S. (ed.). *The Gaze of the West: Framings of the East*. pp. 156-169. Palgrave-MacMillan.

- iii. Paramasivam, S. (2008). Power and politeness in negotiation discourse. In Jacobson, R (ed.). *The Pulse of a Malaysian University: Ethno- and Sociolinguistic Issues and the TESOL Dimension*. pp. 37-68. New York: Peter Lang Publishing.
- iv. Paramasivam, S. (2007). Malay cultural values and negotiation talk. In Pandian, A. and Kell, M. (eds). *Literacy: Diverse Perspectives and Pointers for Practice*. pp. 267-282. Serdang: UPM Press.
- v. Paramasivam, S. (2007). Language and power in negotiation interaction. In Talif, R et al (eds.). *Research in Language, Literature and Communication Vol 1*. pp. 204-214. Serdang: UPM Press.
- vi. Paramasivam, S. (2006). Introduction to discourse analysis. In *Language and Language Use*. pp. 41-47. Kuala Lumpur: Pearson Prentice Hall.
- vii. Paramasivam, S. (2005). A framework for the analysis of language and power in negotiation interaction. In Talif, R et al (eds.). *Beyond Barriers Fresh Frontiers: Selected Readings on Languages, Literatures, and Cultures*. pp. 136-147. Serdang: UPM Press.

#### 16. Books: 2

- i. Paramasivam, S., Tan, H., Yap, N.G. and Hasliza Aris. (1996). *English for the Agricultural Sciences: Developing Speaking Skills*. Serdang: UPM Press.
- ii. Yap, N.T., Paramasivam, S, Tan, H. and Hasliza Aris. 1996. *English for the Agricultural Sciences: Developing Writing Skills*. Serdang: UPM Press.

#### 17. Industrial Experience

- i. Test Developer and Rater Aviation English for Air Traffic Controllers (Project UPM-Dept of Civil Aviation, Malaysia) (UPM-DCA) from 1.6.2007 – 31.12.2008
- ii. Test Developer and Rater Aviation English for Pilots (Project UPM-English Language Test for Pilots) (UPM-ELTP) from 1.6.2008 – 28.2.2018
- iii. Training Module Coordinator Aviation English for Air Traffic Controllers (Project UPM-Dept of Civil Aviation, Malaysia) (UPM-DCA) from 1.6.2007 – 31.12.2008
- iv. Trainer Aviation English for Air Traffic Controllers (Project UPM-Dept of Civil Aviation, Malaysia) (UPM-DCA) from 1.6.2007 – 31.12.2008
- v. Trainer Aviation English for Pilots (Project UPM-English Language Test for Pilots) (UPM-ELTP) from 1.6.2008 – 28.2.2018



- vi. Impact Study Assessment of Microcredit loans to Women-in-Need in Selangor conducted for TECH Outreach and Women of Will from 2014-2018
- vii. Instructor for “Extension Programme with Form 5 Students” at a Malaysian secondary school (Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Kompleks KLIA, Nilai, Negeri Sembilan) 10-24 April 2019

18. Reviewer of Journal Articles: 55 articles

Name of Journal	Title of Article	Year
Malaysian Journal of Learning and Instruction	Willingness to communicate in English: Indonesian, Malaysian and Thai secondary school student	2019
Malaysian Journal of Learning and Instruction	Project-Based Learning and Language Arts: The Art of English Teaching through Drama	2019
LSP International	Genre-based Analysis of Travel Guides: A Study on Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines	2019
English for Specific Purposes	First person pronouns in student dissertations: identity, progress and writer choice	2019
Asian ESP Journal	Learning Culinary English through Food Projects—What do Students Think?	2019
Journal of Language and Communication	Mirroring men in society: Dynamics of images of the ‘self’ and ‘other’ in a Malaysian televised show	2018
PERTANIKA Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities	A comparative critical discourse analysis of Hilary Clinton and Donald Trump’s language use in US presidential campaign	2018
Journal of Intercultural Communication Research	Predicting civil responsibility from curricular/co-curricular diversity engagement and peer civic talk among final year undergraduates of five Malaysian public universities	2018
ESTEEM Academic Journal	Strategies employed by ESL students in coping with communication difficulties	2018
Journal of Creative Practices in Language Learning and Teaching	Self-regulated learning strategies for text comprehension	2018

The Asian ESP Journal	An Analysis of Generic Structure and Language Patterns in PhD Acknowledgements written in Turkish and English	2018
The Asian ESP Journal	Capturing the Narrative Structure of Flash Fiction by Filipino Writers	2018
The Asian ESP Journal	Listening Difficulties of Low-Proficiency ESL Learners	2018
English for Specific Purposes	Thrown on the mercy of the court: Maladaptive paradigms in Taiwanese students' application documents and the need for ESP	2017
The Asian ESP Journal	Is what students want really what they need? An investigation of stakeholders' perceptions of importance in a foundation program	2017
The Asian ESP Journal	From authentic language study to authentic language output: Assessing the real world potential of ESP tourism student writing	2017
The Asian ESP Journal	Developing a questionnaire for critical needs analysis	2017
The Asian ESP Journal	Reporting Verbs in TESOL Master's Theses Written by Vietnamese Postgraduate Students	2016
Journal of Language and Communication	Analysis of initial sentence elements in method sections of environmental engineering research articles with teaching applications	2016
3L The Southeast Asian Journal of English Language Studies	Replication, Evocation and Revocation of Linguistic Sexism in Translated National Anthems: A Critical Discourse Analysis	2016
Journal of Language and Communication	Language Policy and Planning for English in Malaysia since Independence	2016
International Journal of Society, Culture and Language	The use of insults to challenge political authority in Ghana: A critical discourse analysis	2016
The Asian ESP Journal	Overcoming institutional barriers to establishing an ESP programme: A case report from Japan	2016
The Asian ESP Journal	Evaluating the English Curriculum through Needs Analysis: A Study of Engineering Students at KMUTT- Ratchaburi, Thailand	2016

The Asian ESP Journal	Revisiting the Topical Knowledge of Iranian ESP and EGP Learners in Reading Comprehension: Text Types and Question Types	2016
Issues in Language Studies Journal	Learners' motivation and attitude in video-based listening comprehension classes: The case study of Iranian pre-intermediate EFL learners	2015
Pertanika Journal of Social Science and Humanities	Factors contributing to the speaking of English among secondary school students in Melaka	2015
The Asian ESP Journal	Potential directions for EFL scientific writing scholarship in Japan: Examining the scientific abstract	2015
The Asian ESP Journal	Exploring the gap between the English required at the Vietnamese workplace and materials/methods for English language teaching at the university	2015
Balochistan Journal of Applied Linguistics	Critical analysis of Benazir Bhutto's last speech	2014
The Asian ESP Journal	Visualization of Textual Structure based on Move Analysis of Research Papers	2014
The Asian ESP Journal	Error, Register, Rhetorical-Grammatical, and Genre Analyses on nursing students' case studies and thesis proposals	2014
The Asian ESP Journal	Rhetorical Variation across Research Article Abstracts in Environmental Science and Applied Linguistics	2014
The Asian ESP Journal	Challenges in teaching ESP at medical universities of Iran from ESP stakeholders' perspectives	2014
The Asian ESP Journal	Learning English to fly: A research report on Chinese cargo airline pilots' aviation English learning engagement	2014
Pertanika Journal of Social Science and Humanities	Scientific Ways of Spiritual Message Delivery	2014
The Asian ESP Journal	The discourse structure and linguistic features of research article abstracts in English by Indonesian academics	2013

Pertanika Journal of Social Science and Humanities	Political cartoons in the first decade of the millennium	2012
The Asian ESP Journal	A study of students' perceptions and attitudes towards genre-based ESP writing instruction	2011
The Asian ESP Journal	Action research evaluation: A genre-based approach to teaching the Chinese engineering graduates research articles	2011
Jurnal Kajian Malaysia	Parents' education level and their involvement in their child's education	2011
The Asian EFL Journal	Motivation and attitudes toward learning English in an internet-based informal context: Perceptions of Iranian university students	2011
Pertanika Journal of Social Science	Learning culture of Iranian and Chinese-Malaysian undergraduate students	2011
The Asian ESP Journal	Evaluating English for Academic Purposes in Cameroonian universities	2011
The Asian ESP Journal	A study of the effects of raters' background knowledge and rater training in rating Thai pilots' English speaking proficiency	2010
The Asian ESP Journal	L1 translation use in English courses at university level	2009
The Asian ESP Journal	Changing Perspectives: Teaching the Writing of Job Application Letters using the Process-collaborative approach	2009
The Asian ESP Journal	Citation Practices in TESL Research Articles: A Comparison Study	2009
The Asian ESP Journal	English Workshop for Effective Teleconferencing	2009
Intercultural Pragmatics	Ideology and Body Part Metaphors in Nigerian English	2009
Pertanika Journal of Social Science and Humanities	Discourse Structure of Telephone Enquiries	2008
Asian EFL Journal	Policy and practice in the interface of teaching and testing: The secondary English textbook in Bangladesh	2008

Asian EFL Journal	A Study of the difficulties Chinese EFL students have and the strategies Chinese EFL students use in the reading of English	2008
Asian EFL Journal	Phonological Awareness: Learning to Read among Pre-school Children	2008
Asian EFL Journal	Incorporating Critical Academic Literacy into Project Work Curriculum	2008

19. Conference Papers Presented: 39 papers

Title of Conference/Seminar	Status of Participation	Venue and Date of conference/seminar	Title of paper presentation
UKLA 55th International Conference 2019: Literacy and Play for All: Improvisation, possibility and imagination	Paper Presenter	12-14 July 2019 Sheffield Hallam University, UK	Whatsapp as a tool for content learning and development of social interaction skills in group discussions
The International Conference on Creative Teaching, Assessment and Research in the English Language (ICCTAR 2019)	Paper Presenter	26-28 June 2019 Hotel Equatorial, Melaka	Teaching Polite Requests Using Speech Act Analytical Framework
BETT Asia Leadership Summit	Chair of Higher Education Stream	12-13 March 2019 Mandarin Oriental Hotel, KL	Building a change culture to deliver 21st century learning
Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Asia and the Western Pacific Region (FERCAP)	Paper Presenter	18-21 Nov 2018 Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Taiwan	Performance indicators after FERCAP recognition
10 <sup>th</sup> Malaysia International Conference on Languages, Literatures and Cultures (MICOLLAC 2018)	Paper Presenter	14-16 August 2018 Hatten Hotel, Melaka	Swearing practices among youth in Sarawak

CAES International Conference Faces of English 2: Teaching and Researching Academic and Professional English	Paper Presenter	1-3 June 2017 Centre for Applied English Studies, The University of Hong Kong	Genre analysis of job application letters in Malaysia
International Conference on the Teaching and Learning of Languages (ICTLL 2017)	Paper Presenter	3-4 April 2017 Riverside Majestic Hotel Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia	Needs analysis for writing job application letters in Malaysia
4 <sup>th</sup> Linguistic Impoliteness, Aggression and Rudeness Conference	Paper Presenter	12-14 July 2016 Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, United Kingdom	Leadership discourse in request emails in workplace communication of a Malaysian organization
9 <sup>th</sup> Malaysia International Conference on Languages, Literatures and Cultures (MICOLLAC 2016)	Paper Presenter	16-18 August 2016 Rainbow Paradise Resort, Penang	Propaganda in Mohammad Al-Arefe's manipulative discourse: The presentation of ingroup and outgroup
9 <sup>th</sup> Malaysia International Conference on Languages, Literatures and Cultures (MICOLLAC 2016)	Paper Presenter	16-18 August 2016 Rainbow Paradise Resort, Penang	Realm of persuasion and political ideologies in Mandela's discourse
9 <sup>th</sup> Malaysia International Conference on Languages, Literatures and Cultures (MICOLLAC 2016)	Paper Presenter	16-18 August 2016 Rainbow Paradise Resort, Penang	Speech acts and strategies in Obama's apology
9 <sup>th</sup> Malaysia International Conference on Languages, Literatures and Cultures (MICOLLAC 2016)	Paper Presenter	16-18 August 2016 Rainbow Paradise Resort, Penang	Rhetorical moves and metadiscourse features of English language political science research article abstracts

3 <sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Language, Education, Humanities & Innovation 2016	Paper Presenter	30 Apr-1 May 2016 Impiana KLCC Hotel, Kuala Lumpur	Persuasive strategies and Ideologies in Mandela's <i>An ideal for which I'm prepared to die</i> and <i>Release Address</i>
International Conference on Language and Literature: Retropects and Prospects	Keynote Speaker / Resource Person	4-5 Feb 2016 Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamilnadu, India	Prospects of Classroom Discourse Analysis
5 <sup>th</sup> Malaysia International Conference on Foreign Languages (MICFL 2015)	Paper presenter	2-3 Dec 2015 Parkroyal, Kuala Lumpur	A comparative discourse analysis of hedges in opinion-giving by Arab EFL and Malay ESL learners in <i>WhatsApp</i> focused group discussion
5 <sup>th</sup> Discourse and Society International Conference 2015: Discourse and Identity	Paper presenter	14-16 Nov 2015 Faculty of Languages and Linguistics, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur	Ideologies and identity in Mandela's <i>No Easy Walk to Freedom</i>
Intercultural Competence in Communication and Education	Paper presenter	8-9 April 2015 Faculty of Modern Languages and Communication, UPM, Serdang, Selangor	The workings of language as sociocultural resource and culture as sociocultural practice in superior-subordinate request emails of a Malaysian organisation
The 10 <sup>th</sup> Malaysia International Conference on English Language Teaching (MICELT 2014)	Paper presenter	13-15 September 2014 Palace of Golden Horses, Seri Kembangan, Selangor	Email writing by superiors: Insights from discourse

8 <sup>th</sup> Malaysia International Conference on Languages, Literatures & Cultures 2014	Paper presenter	12-14 August 2014 Rainbow Paradise Beach Resort, Tanjung Bungah, Penang	A critical discourse analysis of headlines on Lynas issue in the Star newspaper
3 <sup>rd</sup> International Conference on English Language Teaching (ICELT) 2013	Paper presenter	18-20 November 2013 Equatorial Hotel Melaka Malaysia	Materials development for speaking skills in aviation English for Malaysian air traffic controllers: Theory and Practice
4 <sup>th</sup> Malaysia International Conference on Foreign Languages	Paper presenter	3-4 July 2013 Kompleks Seri Negara Ayer Keroh Melaka Malaysia	Anxiety of speaking English in class among international students in a Malaysian university
7 <sup>th</sup> Malaysia International Conference on Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (MICOLLAC) 2012	Paper presenter	9 -11 July 2012 Pullman Hotel Putrajaya Malaysia	Variants to collectivism across cultures in negotiation communication
University of Malaya Conference on Discourse and Society 2012	Paper presenter	27 – 29 June 2012 Intercontinental Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Rapport management in air traffic control in Malaysian aviation discourse
Regional Conference on Cross-Cultural Communication and National Integration (RECCNI 2012)	Paper presenter	19 -21 June 2012	A genre analysis of sermons in English by Malaysian preachers
European Conference for Academic Disciplines	Paper presenter	28 Nov- 3 Dec 2010 Gottenheim, Germany	An Eastern perspective to the Western discourse on individualism and collectivism of the globalised workplace



10 <sup>th</sup> International Civil Aviation English Association Forum	Invited Speaker	23-24 Nov 2010 Grand Dorsett Subang Hotel, KL	Training materials for developing speaking skills in pilots and air traffic controllers: A Malaysian experience
International Symposium The Gaze of the West: Framings of the East	Paper presenter	19-20 August 2009 Equatorial Hotel, Bangi	The Occidental Gaze of the Globalised Workplace
7 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities	Paper presenter	2-5 June 2009 Friendship Hotel, Beijing, China	Under scrutiny: Western frames of the East
6 <sup>th</sup> Malaysia International Conference on Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (MICOLLAC) 2009	Paper presenter	28 – 30 April 2009, Putrajaya Marriott Hotel, Serdang, Selangor	Rhetorical devices for persuasion in selected speeches of Dr Mahathir
Asia Pacific Airline Training Symposium (APATS) 2008	Paper presenter	16-17 Sept 2008 Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand	Oral communication in air traffic control
East Meets West: Advances in Politeness Research	Paper presenter	2-4 July 2008 Hotel Benczur, Budapest, Hungary.	A discourse-oriented model for analysing power and politeness in negotiation interaction
International Conference on Communication and Media 2008	Paper presenter	14-16 June 2008 Corrus Hotel, Kuala Lumpur	Construction of physicality in a Malaysian internet chatroom
International Conference on Communication and Media 2008	Paper presenter	14-16 June 2008 Corrus Hotel, Kuala Lumpur	The translation of politeness in the English subtitling of the movie 'Puteri Gunung Ledang'

Discourse Communication and the Enterprise (DICOEN) IV	Paper presenter	10-12 Sept 2007 School of English Studies, University of Nottingham, UK	Politeness and disagreement in Malay-Japanese business negotiations
International Conference on Literacy	Paper presenter	25-27 July 2007 Georgetown Hotel, Penang	Malay cultural values and negotiation talk
2 <sup>nd</sup> International Language Learning Conference	Paper presenter	23-25 Nov 2006 Park Royal Hotel, Penang	Language transfer as a communication strategy and language learning strategy in a Malaysian ESL class
3 <sup>rd</sup> National Communication Seminar	Paper presenter	16-18 June 2006 Gurney Resort, Penang	Culture in the regulation of talk in intercultural communication
International Conference 'Worlds in 'Discourse'	Paper presenter	21-23 Nov 2005 Sheraton Subang, Selangor	Managing disagreement while managing not to disagree. The display of politeness in negotiation discourse
1 <sup>st</sup> International Conference-Seminar on Culture	Paper presenter	1-5 Dec 2004 Asia International Medical Institute, Sg. Petani, Kedah	Power and politeness in negotiation discourse
3 <sup>rd</sup> Malaysia International Conference on Languages, Literatures and Cultures (MICOLLAC) 2003	Paper presenter	30 Sept-2 Oct 2003 Petaling Jaya, Selangor	A framework of analysis for the study of power and politeness in negotiation discourse

20. Invited Officer/ Lecturer/ Guest Speaker / Trainer

- a. Guest Speaker on *Institutional Discourse and Discourse Analysis* at Postgraduate Seminar in Applied Linguistics Lecture Series, Faculty of Modern Languages and Communication, Universiti Putra Malaysia. 13 May 2019.
- b. Guest Speaker on *Research Ethics Involving Human Subjects* at Faculty of Economics and Management, Universiti Putra Malaysia. 28 March 2019.
- c. External Assessor for Doctor of Philosophy in English at Lincoln University College, Petaling Jaya. 15.10.2018 - 14.10.2021.
- d. External Assessor for Bachelor of Arts English Studies Program at Tunku Abdul Rahman University College, Kuala Lumpur. 15 Sept 2018 – 15 Sept 2019.
- e. Debate Adjudicator in World Scholar's Cup. Uni Kebangsaan Malaysia. 19-20 June 2018
- f. Guest Speaker on *Discourse Analysis: A Qualitative Research Method* for Postgraduate Students. Multimedia University, Cyberjaya. 1 October 2015
- g. Guest Speaker on *Discourse Analysis* for Postgraduate Students. Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Bangi. 30 October 2015
- h. Officer for *Critical Discussion on Curriculum Development for Bachelor English Programme (English for Specific Purposes)* Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia, Putrajaya August 2010.
- i. Language Trainer *English for Aviation for Air Traffic Controllers* at Malaysian Aviation Academy, Sepang, Selangor. 1-5 Feb 2010
- j. Lecturer for 'The Alumni Mentorship Program 2010' at Dewan PPL, UPM. 15 Jan 2010
- k. Language Trainer *English for Aviation for Air Traffic Controllers* at Malaysian Aviation Academy, Subang, Selangor. 26-30 October 2009
- l. Guest Speaker *Professional Public Speaking* at Institute for Veterinary Management, Cheras, Selangor. 6-8 October 2009
- m. Language Trainer *English for Aviation for Air Traffic Controllers* at Malaysian Aviation Academy, Subang, Selangor. 29-30 June 2009
- n. Officer as Module Writer for Distance Learning Program *Introduction to Discourse Analysis*, Centre for External Education, Universiti Putra Malaysia 14 August 2008
- o. Officer for Writing *The UPM General Information Brochure for International Students*. April 2007
- p. Officer for *Critical Discussion on Curriculum Development for Bachelor English Programme (TESL)* Universiti Industri Selangor (UNISEL), 19 July 2005.

- q. Guest Speaker on *Approaches to Discourse* for Postgraduate Students. Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Bangi. 26 February 2005.
  - r. Officer as Module Writer for *Intensive English for Academic and Administrative Purposes. Writing Skills for Teaching/Learning Maths and Science UPM Advanced Level*. 2004.
  - s. Officer as Team-Writer of *Book Project UPM/Warwick University Academic Link. English Language Proficiency. ODA/British Council*. 1992-1994.
21. Moderator
- a. Moderator of *BBI3421 Expository Writing Bachelor in Education (TESL)/Twinning with Teacher Training Institute Temenggong Ibrahim*. Sem 2 2009/2010
  - b. Moderator of *BBI 3421 Expository Writing for Distance Learning Bachelor Programme at Pusat Pendidikan Luar, UPM* for Semester 1 2006/07
  - c. Moderator of *BBI 3213 Speech Communication for Distance Learning Bachelor Programme at Pusat Pendidikan Luar, UPM* for Semester 2 2006/07
  - d. Moderator of *BBI 3421 Expository Writing for Twinning Programme in Bachelor of TESL between Faculty of Education, UPM and Maktab Perguruan Temenggong Ibrahim, Johor Bahru* for Semester 2 2005/06
  - e. Moderator of *BBI 3421 Expository Writing for Twinning Programme in Bachelor of TESL between Faculty of Education, UPM and Maktab Perguruan Temenggong Ibrahim, Johor Bahru* for Semester 2 2004/05
22. Editor
- a. Editor of Master of Science Thesis  
*Study on environmental awareness and attitude among Iranian students in a Malaysian university* June 2008
  - b. Editor of Master of Science Thesis  
*Investigation of servicescape failures and associated recovery strategy in food service establishments* March 2008
  - c. Editor for UPM Co-curricular Courses Synopsis  
*Synopsis of UPM Co-curricular Courses with Credit*, May 2007.
  - d. Editor of Master of Science Thesis  
*One Dimensional High Order Compact Method Based on Ausm Scheme for Solving Euler Equation* May 2007
  - e. Editor of Master of Science thesis  
*The Potential of Non-Skin Oil Palm Particleboard as Bench Components in Kuala Lumpur International Airport: A Preliminary Evaluation* February 2007

- f. Editor of Master of Science thesis  
*Structural behaviour of Open Filed Jetty subjected to wave forces* December 2006
- g. Editor of Doctor of Philosophy thesis  
*Competitor analysis in the UK hotel sector* November 2006.
- h. Editor of Master of Science thesis  
*Separation and purification of mannan-degrading enzymes produced from liquid fermentation of palm kernel cake* May 2006
- i. Editor of document from Registrar's Office  
*UPM Diamond Jubilee Celebrations* February 2006
- j. Editor of Doctor of Philosophy thesis  
*Olivier Messiaen's Catalogue d'oiseaux: A performer's perspective* November 2005.
- k. Editor of Master of Science thesis  
*Development of an experimental facility for investigation of flow and heat transfer due to a tangential jet flow in a sudden expansion channel* September 2005.

#### 23. Editorial Board Member of Journals

- a. The Asian ESP Journal [www.asian-esp-journal.com/editorial.php](http://www.asian-esp-journal.com/editorial.php)
- b. Iranian EFL Journal [www.iranian-efl-journal.com/editorial.php](http://www.iranian-efl-journal.com/editorial.php)
- c. Journal of Language and Communication [www.fbmk.upm.edu.my/sp/page/2861/jlc\\_bm](http://www.fbmk.upm.edu.my/sp/page/2861/jlc_bm)
- d. Progress in Human Computer Interaction  
<http://ojs.whioce.com/index.php/phci/about/editorialTeam>
- e. International Arab Journal of English for Specific Purposes  
<https://revues.imist.ma/index.php?journal=IAJESP>

#### 24. Membership in National and International Bodies

- a. Member Secretary of *TECH Outreach* Malaysia
- b. Member of *Malaysian Association of Applied Linguistics* (MAAL)
- c. Member of *Applied Linguistic Association of Korea* (ALAK)
- d. Member of *Linguistic Politeness Research Group*, United Kingdom (LPRG, UK)
- e. Member of *International Civil Aviation English Association* (ICAEA)
- f. Member of Academic Officers' Association UPM

- g. Member of *Jaffnese Cooperative Society* Malaysia (JCS)
- h. Member of *Women of Will* Malaysia (WOW)

## ATTACHMENT TO CV

### POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

#### AS MAIN SUPERVISOR

##### A. PhD (GRADUATED)

No.	Name	Year	Title
1.	Abdul Rahman Alkhirbash	2010	Persuasive language in selected speeches of Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad
2.	Shahla Amooaliakbari Najafabadi	2013	Pragmatic development of Iranian English learners across proficiency levels in the performance of the requestive speech act
3.	Ali Abdulhameed Faris	2017	Persuasion and political ideologies in the discourse of Nelson Mandela
4.	Maryam Enjavinezhad	2017	Discursive strategies and ideologies in Mohammad Al-Arefe's manipulative discourse

##### B. MASTER (THESIS) (GRADUATED)

No.	Name	Year	Title
1.	Narges Masjedi	2017	Pragmatic analysis of complaints by Iranian speakers of English
2.	Sara Seyed Paydari	2017	Rhetorical moves and discourse structure in political science research article abstracts of Iranian journals
3.	Renugah Ramanathan	2018	A comparison of ideologies, discursive strategies and power in the tweets of two political leaders in Asia
4.	Susanna Bithiah Varma Raja Ravi Varma	2018	Speech acts, strategies and leadership values in Obama's apology discourse
5.	Ganeish Balakrishnan	2019	Argumentative structure and persuasive discourse strategies in Malaysian secondary schools English language debates

### C. PhD (ONGOING)

No.	Name	Year	Title
1.	Shamila Pathmanathan		Lexical bundles in business research articles of international and Malaysian academic journals
2.	Azu Farhana Anuar		Needs analysis for speaking in workplace communication among chemical engineers
3.	Maxwell Sim Yik Seng		Rhetorical structure of research articles in physiotherapy journals
4.	Suzan Salih Mohammad		Instructional discourse in novice-expert interactions in the oral case presentation within the bedside teaching encounter in a Kurdistan teaching hospital
5.	Zahra Nasirizadeh (Submitted Notice for Thesis Submission in March 2019)		Genre analysis of rhetorical and metadiscoursal patterns in forestry research articles
6.	Engku Muhammad Syafiq bin Engku Safruddin		Intercultural communication in an academic setting involving undergraduates at a public Malaysian university
7.	Hussein Walid Hussein Alkhawaja		Comparative discourse analysis of pragmatic and discourse markers used by Malaysian and Arab postgraduate students during oral presentations

### D. MASTER (THESIS) (ONGOING)

No.	Name	Year	Title
	None		

### AS CO-SUPERVISOR

#### A. PhD (GRADUATED)

No.	Name	Year	Title
1.	Kobra Hosseini	2011	Discursive enactment of power in Iranian high school EFL classrooms
2.	Prasanna Kesavan	2011	Effects of different types of task on learners' choice of communication strategies to enhance speaking ability at a Malaysian polytechnic
3.	Kanthimathi Letchumanan	2012	Vocabulary learning strategies and the effects of game-based techniques on the lexical repertoire of young ESL learners

4.	Jasvir Kaur	2013	Effects of infusing Socratic questions in mind maps on the development of ESL students' writing skills
5.	Md Masudul Hasan	2017	Malaysian ESL undergraduates' learning experience and performance in a Massive Open Online Course on Writing
6.	Premala V. Jacob	2018	Acquisition and interpretation of English articles by L1 Malay and L1 Tamil speakers

#### B. MASTER (GRADUATED)

No.	Name	Year	Title
1.	Muhammad Danish Mohd Johari	2016	Formality shifts in management meetings
2.	Aqilah bt Hj Arshad	2018	Use of Twitter, online forum and blog for collaborative learning among ESL undergraduate learners

#### C. PhD (ONGOING)

No.	Name	Year	Title
1.	Pavani Malaa Meganathan		Incidental and intentional vocabulary learning in the ESL classroom
2.	Shabina Kumari Subramaniam		Knowledge sharing practices among different generations at workplace
3.	Ahmed Hasani Yassen		Persuasion in the 2016 presidential debates of Trump and Clinton
4.	Rawhi Yousef Salman Alshamat		Use of cohesive devices in argumentative essays by undergraduate EFL learners
5.	Sa'ad Saleh Hamad		Critical analysis of rhetorical fallacies as persuasive strategy in political speeches of Nouri Al-Maliki

### APPOINTMENT AS THESIS EXAMINER

#### AS EXTERNAL EXAMINER

##### A. PhD

No.	Name	Year	Title
1	Universiti Utara Malaysia	2019	Moderating role of ESL writing self efficacy on the relationship of ESL writing anxiety and writers' native language with ESL writing performance among university students in Pakistan



2	VIT University, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India	2019	Effectiveness of CLIL Approach to Impart Content Vocabulary to Hotel Management Students with Reference to Hospitality
3	Bharathidasan University, Tamil Nadu, India	2018	Teaching English effectively using web-based resources at the collegiate level
4	Universiti Malaysia Sarawak	2018	Communication strategies training among Malaysian English language learners: A case study
5	Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia	2017	The Palestinian-Israeli conflict: A corpus-based critical discourse analysis of American and British online media
6	Universiti Teknologi Malaysia	2017	Advice and information giving in HIV counselling by HIV nurse counsellors in Malaysian government hospitals
7	Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia	2016	Hybridity of Thai-Western politeness in online forums
8	Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia	2015	Social categories in intercultural communication: A study of the interactions of local and international students at a private university in Malaysia
9	Annamalai University, Tamilnadu, India	2014	Cultural politics in the novels of Amy Tan
10	Bharathidasan University, Tamilnadu, India	2013	Conflicts from surrounding spaces of the mid-20 <sup>th</sup> century Jewish Montreal ghetto: A new historicist approach to Mordecai Richler's select novels
11	Rathnavel Subramaniam College of Arts and Science, Tamilnadu, India	2013	A comparative study of the effects of the conventional methods of listening and multi-media delivered listening
12	Annamalai University, Tamilnadu, India	2011	Joseph Conrad's Vision of Love
13	Bharathidasan University, Tamilnadu, India	2010	Conflict and reconciliation in the plays of Graham Greene

## B. Master

No.	Name	Year	Title
1.	Universiti Teknologi Malaysia	2019	The Discourses of Flood Disaster Preparedness in Johor
2.	Universiti Malaya	2019	Primary school teachers' and learners' perspectives on code switching practices in multilingual classrooms : A case study
3.	Universiti Malaya	2012	Humour in meetings: A study of power and solidarity in the Malaysian academic context
4.	Universiti Malaya	2010	A transitivity character analysis of anthropomorphic animals in animal fantasy stories
5.	Universiti Malaysia Sabah	2010	Communicative language teaching in selected schools in Sarawak
6.	Universiti Malaya	2009	Strategi pembelajaran dan kaitannya dengan pencapaian dan motivasi pelajar bahasa Jepun di UiTM

## AS INTERNAL EXAMINER

### A. PhD

No.	Name	Year	Title
1	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2018	Acquisition of the English articles by L1 Chinese and L1 Malay adult ESL learners
2	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2017	Rhetorical situation, rhetorical appeals and conceptual metaphors in Nursi's Damascus sermon
3	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2017	Sociopolitical functions of newspaper congratulatory announcements in Nigeria
4	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2017	Learner autonomy and English language proficiency among Iranian postgraduate students at selected Malaysian universities
5	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2016	Lexical bundles in social sciences research articles of native and non-native writers

6	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2016	Rhetorical moves and the use of hedges and boosters in editorials of American and Malaysian newspapers
7	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2016	Acquisition of the English articles by L1 Chinese and L1 Malay adult ESL learners
8	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2015	A critical analysis of the discourse of online resistance in Iran
9	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2015	International students' linguistic awareness of Malaysian English and its impact on intercultural communication
10	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2014	A critical and semiotic analysis of the shift in women's roles in action movies and movie posters across three eras of Hollywood
11	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2014	Effectiveness of lecturers' conference feedback on undergraduates composition in the ESL context
12	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2014	The relationship among foreign language anxiety, self-efficacy and listening comprehension of Iranian EFL learners
13	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2014	A critical linguistic reading into the universal appeal of Gibran Khalil Gibran's <i>The Prophet</i>
14	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2013	Effects of online automated feedback and teacher written feedback on Form Six ESL students' factual essays
15	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2013	The relationship between anxiety and reading comprehension performance of international students in TEP program at UPM
16	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2012	Discourse realisation of linguistic and non-linguistic features in university parliamentary debate speeches
17	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2012	The discursive construction of Iran in the New York Times
18	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2011	Representation of foreign workers in Malaysian mainstream English newspaper

19	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2011	Functions and effects of instructors' verbal humour in academic ESL classrooms
20	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2011	Acquisition of English articles by L1 Malay and L1 Arabic speakers
21	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2009	Lexis in compositions of ESL college students
22	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2008	The use of metacognitive strategies among post-secondary Malaysian ESL learners
23	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2007	The use of prepositions among ESL learners
24	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2007	Language choice and use in training sessions of selected Malaysian public organisations
25	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2006	The effect of online collaboration on ESL tertiary students' reflective thinking and their writing process
26	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2005	Factors that characterise the effective delivery of online English courses at UNITAR

#### B. MASTER

No.	Name	Year	Title
1	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2018	Willingness to communicate among Malaysian students
2	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2017	Rhetorical moves in the problem statement section of Iranian postgraduate students' theses
3	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2016	Patterns of L1 (Chinese) and L2 (English) use and interactions between teachers and students in the ESL classroom
4	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2016	Analysis of English language needs of medical students
5	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2015	A critical analysis of the discourse of online resistance in Iran
6	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2015	Attitudes of Malaysian Chinese toward agape love in selected German fairy tales

7	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2014	Performing friendship and negotiating online identities in Facebook
8	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2014	Request strategies used by Malaysian ESL undergraduates of four proficiency levels in a Malaysian public university
9	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2013	The relationship between anxiety and reading comprehension performance of international students in TEP program at UPM
10	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2010	Awareness of multiple intelligences in relation to reading proficiency and gender of Iranian EFL students
11	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2007	Elicited imitation test as a measure of L2 English learners' interlanguage representation of relative clause
12	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2007	A Malaysian perspective towards the learning of literature in English for second language learners
13	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2006	The effects of training argumentative structures on the development ESL students argumentative writing ability
14	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2006	Errors with the English relative clause among Arab English foreign language learners
15	Universiti Putra Malaysia	2006	The Failed Functional Features Hypothesis: Acquisition of English locational and directional prepositions by Malaysian Chinese speakers