



Teaching English for Research Publication Purposes in Japan

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The field of English for Research Publication Purposes (ERPP) has emerged in recent decades from the larger disciplines of ESP and EAP to offer language teaching professionals a plethora of knowledge and resources to better help early-career L2 scholars in their development of competence and confidence in research writing. Drawing on the field of ERPP, along with the presenter's own experiential insights from a career of teaching this specialised form of English in Japan, this presentation will guide participants through the thought processes and planning behind teaching a university course on research writing to the next generation of Japanese scientists.



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