

## **Session Program**

**23-24 May 2026**

**Building Language Competencies  
Through Community**

*May 23-24, 2026 - Nagoya, Japan*



# **PanSIG 2026 - Building Language Competencies through Community**

**606**

Chukyo University - Nagoya Campus

## Saturday 23 May

11:00

### 606: Sat morning 606

**Session** | **Location:** Chukyo University, 0号building/6-606

11:00-11:25

#### Vipasaana Meditation for Teacher Well-Being: Skills for Everyday Practice

**Speaker**

Chris Regier

11:40-12:45

#### AI and Business Communication: Business Communication SIG Forum:

**Speakers**

Prof. Tanaka Hiromasa, Prof. Michael Hofmeyr

12:45

13:30

### 606: Sat afternoon 606

**Session** | **Location:** Chukyo University, 0号building/6-606

13:30-13:55

#### Physical activity prior to learning improves vocabulary retention and mood

**Speaker**

Dr Brian Birdsell

14:10-14:35

#### Near-Peer Facilitation and Critical Thinking Talk in Game-Based Learning

**Speaker**

Anthony Gloria

14:50-15:15

#### Teachers' Beliefs and Pedagogical Approaches in After-School ELT in Japan

**Speaker**

Marwa Mannan

15:30-15:55

#### Silence and degrees of appraisal confusion

**Speaker**

Jonathan Shachter

15:55

# Sunday 24 May

09:30

## 606: Sun morning 606

Session | Location: Chukyo University, 0号building/6-606

09:30-09:55 **Fostering Deeper Discussions through Gently Socratic Inquiry**

**Speaker**  
Ryan Nakamura

10:10-10:35

**Whose History Counts? Critical Thinking and Community in Cypriot Texts**

**Speaker**  
Sofia Koursarou

10:50-11:55 **SIG Forum: Critical Thinking**

**Speakers**  
Prof. Ariel Tabak, Mr James Dunn, Mr John Shaw, Nidal Butt

11:55

12:40

## 606: Sun afternoon 606

Session | Location: Chukyo University, 0号building/6-606

12:40-13:45 **BRAIN SIG Forum: The Social Brain and its Role in Learning**

**Speakers**  
Curtis Kelly, David Scott Bowyer, Harumi Kimura, Kazunori Shishikura, Sirisha Komanduri

14:00-14:25 **Neuroscience informs us that tasks are mandatory, not optional**

**Speaker**  
Curtis Kelly

14:25