
French as a Foreign Language : New Perspectives and Avenues

Course Overview

In a country like India where French is not spoken outside the classroom, taking the students to higher levels ensuring their adequate competency in the language is a challenge in itself. The dynamics of classroom teaching therefore become primordial.

This course takes into account certain aspects of teaching French as a foreign language at higher levels. It is divided into 2 modules: argumentation and evaluation.

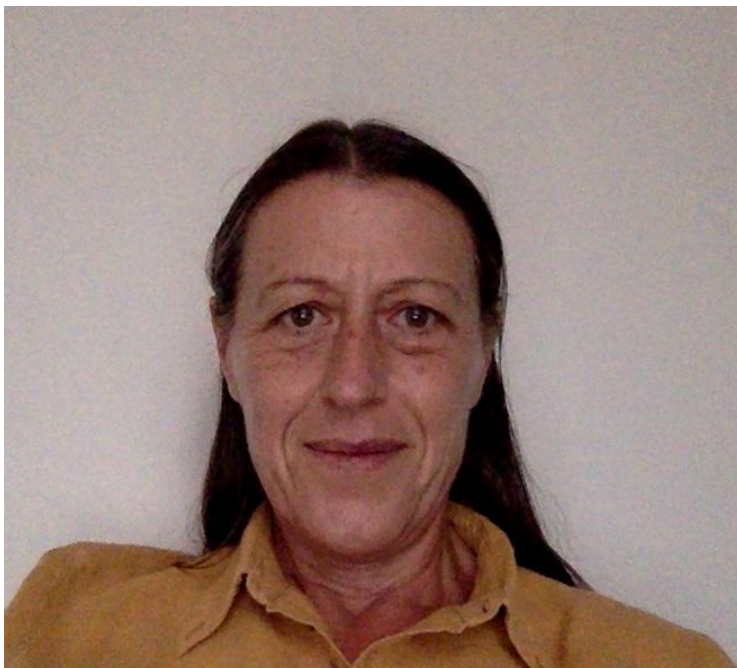
Higher level language skills include argumentation. No sentence in isolation can convey a specific message. For that, it is necessary to know the context and also the co-text, i.e. other sentences that can be linked to form an argument. How to put forward one's point of view, how to justify a perspective are some of the aspects of argumentation.

It is equally important to know how to evaluate the performance of every student pertaining to the four language skills - listening, speaking, reading & writing - and their levels. Adding objectivity in the evaluation of a subjective expression at a higher level requires a systematic methodology.

That is why expertise of a native speaker teaching French as a foreign language in a multi-lingual environment can give new insights in teaching higher language skills such as argumentation as well as evaluation.

The first week will focus on the higher writing skills of argumentation. The second week will take the participants through the multi-dimensional nature of evaluation.

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| Dates | August 22, to September 3, 2016. Maximum Number of participants: 30. |
| You Can Attend if | You are interested in the course topic and have adequate knowledge of French. The lectures will be delivered in French. Past students, colleagues from affiliated colleges and other institutions where French is taught. |
| Fees | One-Time GIAN Registration: Visit http://www.gian.iitkgp.ac.in/GREGN/ by paying Rs 500/- Course Fees: No fee for PG students of the FL department of SPPU. All others will pay a fee of Rs 1000/- per module at the department over and above the GIAN registration. The fees will cover course material, tea and working lunch. Out-station candidates need to arrange for transport and accommodation on their own. Full attendance is necessary to be eligible for certificate of participation/attendance. Appearing for evaluations/examinations during the course is necessary for certificate of grades in the course. |



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She has a Masters in Modern Literature and M. Phil in French Literature and Civilization, both from the University of Aix-en-Provence (France).

Later she branched out in Applied Linguistics and her PhD is in the Faculty of Education at the University of Geneva, Switzerland.

Being a French national, having studied in France and then lived in Switzerland for the last 25 years, Dr. Annick Giroud has a perspective within and without to French as an international language.

Her doctorate in the faculty of education on the process of writing argumentative texts in French as a Foreign language makes her one of the most suitable trainers for our students and even teachers. Her presence in the department will give a new insight in teaching and evaluating French as a Foreign language to us teachers as well.

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