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2ND SPANISH TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOPS ON THE WEST COAST



More Interaction, More Motivation: Tasks and Technology in the Spanish Classroom

Meaningful interaction in the target language plays a central role both in second language acquisition and in the development of communicative competence. However, creating authentic opportunities for students to use Spanish with a clear and meaningful purpose is not always easy.

What we will explore together?

This workshop will explore how communicative tasks, supported by technology, can be integrated into different teaching contexts and approaches to promote meaningful interaction, authentic language use, and active student participation. It will examine how various technological tools can facilitate the implementation of communicative tasks, expand opportunities for interaction, and increase student motivation by enabling learners to use the language to achieve concrete and relevant goals

After a brief introduction to the theoretical foundations underlying interaction, task-based learning, and motivation in language acquisition, the majority of the session will be devoted to practical activities. Participants will analyze, adapt, and design technology-enhanced tasks aimed at fostering greater communication, participation, and engagement in their own educational contexts.



Who will lead this workshop?

Íñigo Yanguas is an Associate Professor of Spanish at the University of San Diego, where he currently serves as Director of the Spanish Program and previously worked as Language Coordinator. He holds a PhD in Applied Linguistics from Georgetown University and a Master's degree in Hispanic Studies from Louisiana State University. His research focuses on technology-mediated second language acquisition, task-based language teaching, virtual exchanges, motivation, and language learning in digital environments. He has published in leading journals such as *Language Learning & Technology*, *System*, *Hispania*, and the *Canadian Journal of Applied Linguistics*, among others. He has also presented his research at national and international conferences across the United States, Europe, and Latin America. His main research interests include second language acquisition, technology-mediated communication, virtual exchanges, motivation, and task-based language teaching.



Where and when?

- Where: In-person at Instituto Cervantes Los Ángeles
- When: Saturday, November 21, from 9 AM to 12 PM
- Price: \$90
- Enrollment: cursos.losangeles@cervantes.org
- Enrollment deadline: Wednesday, November 11