

Speaker Profile

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Marie-Thérèse Batardière is a lecturer in French at the University of Limerick (Ireland). At the University since 1985, she completed her Ph.D thesis in 2002 with Trinity College Dublin. Her research focused on the second language development of university-level learners experimenting immersion in the target language.

Co-founder in 1989 of the Erasmus student exchange between the University of Limerick and her former university in Angers, she is a strong advocate of an interdisciplinary and multicultural approach in the classroom and has modified various language programmes to allow the joint participation of Erasmus and Irish students.

In 1997, she was awarded the first Teaching Fellowship by UL. It entailed working on a project to enhance 'teaching' and 'learning' at UL & to propose an action plan. This gave her the opportunity to devise a language learning framework to enhance students' language skills at UL.

She has been involved for many years in the field of education first as a member of the training team for secondary school teachers of French under the guidance of the Department of Education (Dublin) and now as a Language Module Coordinator of a new graduate diploma in Education at the University of Limerick.

As new technologies became available she made a point to incorporate these modern technologies to enhance students' second language learning. This leads her to participate in initiatives on technologically innovative teaching.