



The EALTA Special Interest Group for

## *Assessing Speaking*

will hold a pre-conference SIG meeting with the theme

## Listening as part of speaking

### Theoretical considerations and practical questions of assessing interactive listening

**The meeting will be held in person in Salzburg**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 (14:00 – 17:00, tentative times tbc)**

The event will be divided into two parts.

In the first half, Nivja de Jong, Dylan Burton and Jayanti Banerjee will share theoretical, empirical and practical perspectives on assessing interactive listening skills. Nivja de Jong will present an expanded notion of speaking skills based on recent psycholinguistic and sociolinguistic research incorporating predictive listening. Dylan Burton will share evidence that raters, both trained and linguistic laypersons, naturally orient towards interactive/integrated speaking, and that they do so using a wide range of multimodal evidence. Jayanti Banerjee will discuss and reflect upon how interactive listening has been operationalised in standardised speaking exams.

The second half will be dedicated to discussion. Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on the ideas presented, share their own practices, and explore ways to develop their assessment approaches within their specific contexts.

We look forward to welcoming you in Salzburg for an engaging face-to-face exchange of ideas.

Jayanti Banerjee, Nivja de Jong, and Kathrin Eberharter

**Please note:** Registration for the pre-conference SIG meeting is required. There will be no provision for online attendance.