



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 28th of May 2025 (14:00 – 17:00, tentative times
tbc)**

The event will be divided into two parts.

Part 1: Theoretical, empirical and practical perspectives on assessing interactive listening skills

Part 1 of the SIG meeting will feature three presentations. **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.

Part 2: Discussion and moving forward

After the coffee break, **Paula Winke** will serve as discussant and summarize the main issues raised by the presentations. In an interactive discussion session, participants will then have the opportunity to share their experiences, learn from each other's practices, and explore ways to enhance 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.