TESL NB Webinar
Harnessing the Transformative Power of AI in English Language Teaching

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Abstract

Since December 2022, many educators have questioned the validity of existing academic practices and assessments and warned of a significant threat to academic integrity using AI tools like Open AI and ChatGPT. Others have seen this as a game-changing opportunity for better educational practices. English language teaching is at the heart of this situation, where technology is an equally crucial new opportunity and a challenge that could change many of our practices in ELT.

AI chatbots or Open AI technology uses advanced technologies like Stable Diffusion and GPT-3 to produce original and creative new content. Most shared reports discuss how AI systems generate ideas and relatively original smart content using a set of related parameters. This could be personalized to the writer's specifications in no time! Since there is no previous work for the student to copy, and, thus, not being detected as not original to most plagiarism tools. Most of these reports still ignored the considerable potential of these tools where practicing the language skills could be moved to a different unique level.

In this webinar, the presenter will give some background details about the recent release of AI autoregressive language models in developing authentic teaching and learning opportunities. The webinar will summarize how AI models work, how to use them, and how to integrate them into teaching and assessment with examples. The webinar will also highlight possible recommendations for better and proactive academic assessment planning to avoid the risks of AI generic content or academic misconduct.