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Workshop Abstract

Over the last few years there has been a wealth of literature advocating the benefits of extensive reading (ER). On the other hand, research into the effects and benefits of extensive listening (EL) - listening to a wide range of easy, comprehensible and enjoyable recordings - has been sparse.

In this workshop, I want to consider how we can develop our learners' listening skills by looking at EL both inside and outside the language classroom. I will give an introduction to EL focusing on what it is, how it could be beneficial and the research carried out so far. I would then like the audience to consider various activities to help incorporate EL into our language courses.