

## UNIVERSEH EMI (English-Medium Instruction in Higher Education) Special Interest Group

### Invitation to Meet-up 8

#### EMI in a Swedish classroom: teaching Swedish through English

We are delighted to invite you to our Meet-up 8. Our speaker on 18 September 2026 will be: **Katja Merkle Söderholm** - a lecturer at Luleå University of Technology with 30 years of experience in language teaching. She currently teaches Swedish and German as a foreign language.

#### About the talk:

*Just like many other universities, Luleå University of Technology offers many courses and programs in English. This requires that the staff no longer teach in their first language but for most of them in a foreign language.*

*The talk will on the one hand give a picture of how the current status at LTU regarding teaching courses in English looks like.*

*On the other hand, the talk will be a presentation of what happens in the classroom if a teacher who speaks English as a foreign language meets students who mainly speak English as a foreign language and who want to learn Swedish. What are the obstacles students and teacher meet and what is required of the teacher to make language learning as successful as possible for the students. The talk will be followed by an open discussion, inviting all participants to share their questions, tips, experiences, and thoughts on the topic.*

- Moderator: Anna Krukiewicz-Gacek, AGH University of Krakow
- Date: 18 September 2026
- Time: 11:00–12:30 CET
- Location: Online (MS Teams)

👉 Please register here by 16 September to join the meet-up:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RAAHtpeP40>



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## UNIVERSEH EMI (English-Medium Instruction in Higher Education) Special Interest Group

The **UNIVERSEH EMI Special Interest Group** brings together **teachers, researchers, and administrative staff** across the UNIVERSEH alliance who are engaged in **English-Medium Instruction (EMI)** and **English-Medium Education (EME)**.

We work in **multilingual, international, and intercultural** academic environments — and this group is our space to connect.

### What We Do

We offer a dynamic space to:

- ◆ Share experiences across disciplines and institutions
- ◆ Raise questions about EMI practice
- ◆ Explore challenges and solutions together

Our activities include:

- ◆ Online meet-ups
- ◆ Presentations at conferences
- ◆ Open discussions

Topics include:

- ◆ **Teacher development**
- ◆ **Classroom pedagogic strategies and techniques**
- ◆ **Multilingualism and multiculturalism in EMI**

... and much more.

### Who Should Join? Our talks and events are for:

- ◆ University teachers who teach their subject in English
- ◆ Professional development staff – e.g. those running EMI/EME preparation or academic English or EMI courses
- ◆ Researchers and academics with an interest in EMI/EME practices
- ◆ All members of the academic community interested in multilingual and intercultural higher education

### Get Involved

Got an idea for a talk, workshop, or discussion? We'd love to hear it!

**All UNIVERSEH colleagues are warmly invited to attend our events — and help shape what comes next. Let's explore EMI together!**

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