

EALTA Special Interest Group Migration

The EALTA Migration SIG was established in May 2018 to provide a forum for discussion surrounding language testing for migrants. The aims of the Migration SIG include:

- to promote scholarship on the use of language tests and assessments for migration purposes;
- to share expertise and best practices on how better to assess migrant language learners;
- to discuss the implications and effects of using language tests to make decisions concerning migrants in diverse contexts;
- to explore the relationships among language assessment stakeholders (e.g., test developers, educators, policymakers) particularly when tests are used in migration policies; and
- to advocate for information-sharing and consultation among researchers and related stakeholders.

Considering the growing visibility of language testing in migration policy, it is of critical importance to interact with issues that arise as a result of using language tests for access, integration, and citizenship. In this SIG we wish to create a platform to present research, to debate emerging trends, and to discuss issues concerning language assessment in migration and integration contexts. We are an interdisciplinary group and we warmly invite researchers and practitioners who work in related and complementary fields.

Coordination:

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This SIG has a revolving co-chair, who is an established researcher in the field. In 2023, the co-chair is professor Elana Shohamy, professor at the School of Education, Tel Aviv University.