

**Seminar on “Teacher, Reading is Boring!” How to Help Your Students Enter the Interesting  
Extensive Reading World**

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**Speaker:**

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**Abstract:**

Implementing a successful extensive reading program cannot simply rely on teachers' authority or encouragement. Many novice L2 language practitioners may encounter many difficulties when they first ask their students to read. To help those who are interested in including ER in their courses or in their curricula, I will share some of my successful experiences as tips to make students' reading journeys more enjoyable. In this talk, I will first briefly introduce the very general concept of “extensive reading,” such as to what ER actually refers, what advantages ER may offer, and what the research up to now has shown about ER. Secondly, I will talk about the variations of doing ER, such as audio-assisted reading (reading while listening), narrow reading. Thirdly, I will focus on how to assess students' gains from reading extensively so we can provide students with hard evidence of ER. Finally, I will share some of my successful case studies on ER and show how much our students have to read to see the effect of ER.