

## The CEFR: a road map for future research and development

**\*NEW VENUE\***

**St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, WC2N 4JH  
London, 7-8 February 2020**

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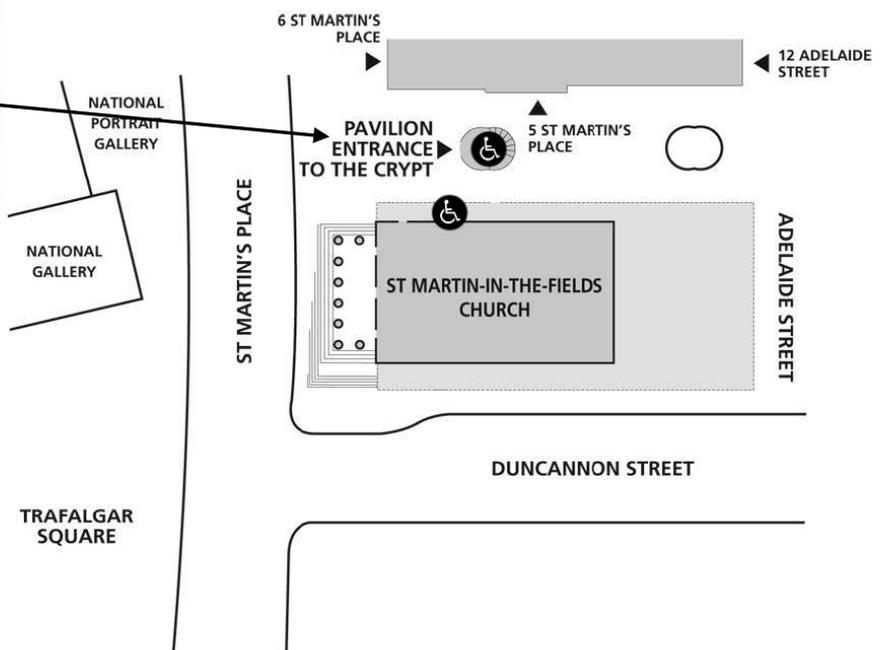
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### Travel and directions

St Martin-in-the-Fields is located in the northeast corner of Trafalgar Square. You enter the Crypt via a glass pavilion to the north of the church entrance.



Once inside the Crypt please go to the Box Office where you will see our registration desk.



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### Public transport

The closest stations are **Charing Cross** for rail and underground and **Leicester Square** for underground. Bus routes include numbers 3, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 23, 24, 29 53, 87, 88, 91, 139, 159, 176 and 453. For details on timetables, routes and accessibility on public transport visit Transport for London Journey Planner: [TFL Journey Planner](#)

### Driving

If you are driving to St Martin's please note it is located within the Congestion Charging zone. There is no parking on site but passengers can be dropped off at the adjacent Duncannon Street.

The nearest car park is QPark in Spring Gardens just off Trafalgar Square. Be prepared to pay upwards of £40. For details on other parking nearby use the following links:

[www.westminster.gov.uk/visitor-parking](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/visitor-parking) for information on general parking in the area [www.westminster.gov.uk/disabled-parking](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/disabled-parking) for Blue Badge holder information and [www.ncp.co.uk](http://www.ncp.co.uk) or [www.q-park.co.uk](http://www.q-park.co.uk)

## General Information

### Refreshments

Friday - Coffee and cake will be served from 13.30

Saturday - Morning and afternoon coffee breaks. A sandwich lunch will be served.

### St Martin's Church

If you would like to visit the church it is open from 08.30 to 18.00 Mon-Fri and 09.00-18.00 Sat-Sun

There will be a free lunchtime concert 7 February 13.00-13.45 Abigail Iveson (Soprano) and Adam Johnson (piano) part of the Northern Lights Symphony Orchestra lunchtime Concert series. Click [here](#) for more information.

For other events click [here](#).

You can visit the Crypt at any time by taking the stairs down, on the right as you enter the café.

## Programme

Researchers, educators, and practitioners will discuss the opportunities presented by engaging with the CEFR as an open-source resource.

In the two decades since its publication, the CEFR has established itself as an indispensable reference point for all aspects of second and foreign language education – a position that was reinforced by the publication of the Companion Volume in 2018. Used worldwide by individuals, institutions and policy makers in different contexts, with different aims and with varying degrees of rigour, the CEFR has become de facto an open source apparatus that is a great deal more than a collection of documents.

EALTA and UKALTA, both open associations of professionals in language testing and assessment, recognise the need to explore ways of developing research methodologies and projects of various kinds that can help to extend and further develop the CEFR and its implementation. Accordingly, they have decided to organise a meeting that will consider the possibility of creating a road map for future engagement with the CEFR, taking account of what has been learnt so far and of new developments in applied linguistics and related disciplines.

The meeting will comprise a series of symposia and discussion panels in which invited professionals from different contexts will report on and discuss existing policies and research and express their views on future developments.

### Friday 7 February

13.30–14.00	Registration and coffee
14.00–14.15	Welcome: EALTA and UKALTA
14.15–15.45	The CEFR: Learning, teaching, assessment in Europe and beyond Brian North: The CEFR Companion Volume Project: what has been achieved Panel discussion: Barry O’Sullivan (British Council), Masashi Negishi (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies), Meg Malone (ACTFL). Chair: Jamie Dunlea (British Council)
15.45–16.15	Coffee
16.15–17.15	The CEFR: challenges and critical perspectives – David Little
17.15–18.00	Questions and discussion

### Saturday 8 February

09.00–10.45	Symposium 1: <b>The action-oriented approach in the CEFR and the CV: a change of paradigm(s)?</b> Panel: Constant Leung (King’s college London), Mark Levy (British Council, Spain), John de Jong (Language Testing Services). Chair: Barry O’Sullivan (British Council)
10.45–11.15	Coffee
11.15–13.00	Symposium 2: <b>Plurilingualism, plurilingual education and mediation</b> Panel: Bessie Dendrinou (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece), Déirdre Kirwan (Formerly principal of Scoil Bhríde (Cailíní), Blanchardstown, Dublin), Peter Lenz (Institute of Multilingualism, University of Friburg). Chair: Vincent Folny (France Education International)
13.00–14.00	Lunch
14.00–15.45	Symposium 3: <b>Descriptors in curriculum, classroom and assessment</b> Panel: Elaine Boyd (University College London), Armin Berger – (University of Vienna), Elif Kantarcioğlu (Bilkent University, Ankara). Chair: Nick Savile (ALTE)
15.45–17.00	Closing business