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Indiana University Bloomington
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WORKSHOP INVITATION

*Creating an engaging and effective virtual
language class meeting*

Presenters: Elisa Räsänen and Sanni Törmänen

*WHEN: Thursday,
February 27, 2020*

TIME: 1:00–2:00 pm

WHERE: GISB 2067

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*QUESTIONS:
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*PRE-WORKSHOP
VIDEO:
<http://go.iu.edu/2hgw>*



The Center for Language Excellence (CLE) and The Center for Language Technology (CELT)

at Indiana University
invites you to attend the workshop entitled

Creating an engaging and effective virtual language class meeting

In this workshop we will discuss using tools and strategies to enhance student engagement in virtual (Zoom) language class meetings. We will demonstrate using Padlet, Kahoot and Zoom from a student's perspective. You will get a chance to exchange ideas, brainstorm and design your own online class activity.

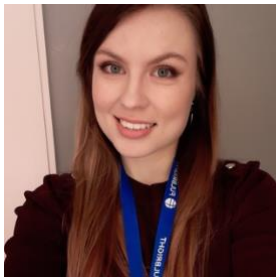
This workshop is a follow-up to a recorded video presentation, in which we introduce a sample lesson plan for a virtual language class and describe strategies we use to enhance student engagement in our classes. Please watch the video presentation (<http://go.iu.edu/2hgw>) prior to participating in the hands-on workshop, and arrive prepared to discuss your questions and ideas. We encourage participants to bring your own laptops / mobile devices to this workshop.

About the presenters



Elisa Räsänen, Lecturer in Finnish language and culture, teaches Finnish in four levels, as well as Finnish literature, in the Department of Central Eurasian Studies in Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies. She is especially passionate about using social media applications and different technologies in language teaching, and frequently uses technology in her various collaboration projects to enhance her students' learning experience. Her research interests are second and foreign language pedagogy, sociocultural perspectives of language learning, multimodal language teaching and classroom

interaction. Räsänen obtained her degree in Finnish language in 2014 in University of Jyväskylä, Finland, focusing on Finnish as a second and foreign language pedagogy.



Sanni Törmänen, from University of Jyväskylä, Finland, is a Fulbright Finnish Language and Culture Teaching Assistant at IU for the academic year 2019-2020. She assists Elisa Räsänen in introductory and intermediate Finnish classes and, in addition to teaching online with Elisa, she has gained skills in using technology in education through her recent completion of teacher training in Finland and working in a project at the University of Jyväskylä, which piloted a blended in-service training for teachers and assistants in migrant education. She specializes in

Finnish as a second and a foreign language pedagogy, and is currently working on her Master's thesis on digital literacies of adult literacy learners.