

**Thursday 4 June**

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Room: Block Y, Room Y403

**Presentation Title:** The Effects of Self-access Language Centres on Independent Learning

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### **Abstract**

Thanks to the development of computer technology, it has been possible for universities in mainland China to offer students with language centres equipped with PCs and Internet access, in which students carry out various learning activities as their proficiency levels vary. With the aim of fostering learner autonomy and independent learning, the present writer invites college students to preview and review the English courses in an on-line learning system, New Perspective English Learning System (NPELS). Across the semester, the participants show particularly great motivation in learning English with the introduction of this system, and show improvement in overall English proficiency and productive skills in the diagnostic test. On this basis, implications for further implementation of such independent learning in college classrooms are discussed.

### **Biodata**

Zexuan Chen teaches English at the School of Foreign Studies, South China Normal University. Chen's interests include autonomy and learning technology.