

**Wednesday 3 June**

**3:20pm - 4:00pm**

Room: Block Y, Room Y402

**Presentation Title:** Building the ARC: Creating an Autonomy Resource Center

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| <b>Theme:</b>                     | E-learning initiatives                           |
| <b>Presentation Type:</b>         | Paper presentation                               |

### **Abstract**

This paper discusses the construction of an English for Special Purposes (ESP) online resource center for international economics students at Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan. The reasons for the creation of the Autonomy Resource Center (ARC) and the practicalities involved in its design will be explicated. The presentation outlines some of the logistical and pedagogical challenges which educators often face when setting up and using an online resource center.

The presenter will focus on the practical considerations involved when setting up an online resource center which aims to engender learner autonomy. Specifically, the initial stages of conception, infrastructure design, and material creation will be discussed, along with a frank analysis of the pitfalls encountered. Examples of some of the online support material which the ARC team has made will be provided. Finally, the presenter will outline a preliminary infrastructure for educators who wish to set up their own autonomy supportive online centers.

### **Biodata**

Tony Cripps teaches at Ritsumeikan University in Japan. His research interests include learner autonomy, computer assisted language learning (CALL), curriculum design and the development of innovative teaching material. He is currently researching teachers' online roles and autonomy supportive CALL pedagogy.