

TEACHING MANDARIN TO NON-TONAL LANGUAGE SPEAKERS

PRONUNCIATION PEDAGOGY AT THE INTERSECTION OF TONE AND INTONATION

10:30– 13:00 (CEST)
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Venue

Room 323

University for Foreigners of Siena

Online

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Keynote Speech



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Beijing Language and Culture University

**Tone and Intonation in Teaching
Chinese as a Foreign Language**

Roundtable sessions

WITH **CARLOTTA SPARVOLI, CHIARA PICCININI,
HANA TŘÍSKOVÁ, AGOSTINO SEPE,
SERGIO CONTI, AND WEN JU-MAY**

Q&A session

About the seminar

This seminar addresses the often-overlooked topic of teaching Mandarin pronunciation to learners from non-tonal language backgrounds. It aims to foster discussion and collaboration among researchers and educators interested in this area. All teachers and researchers are warmly invited to participate.

The seminar is organized in collaboration with the Department of Humanities and the Sala Confucio at the University for Foreigners of Siena, with the support of the Italian Association of Chinese Linguistics.

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Session 1 Theoretical framework

Chair: Davide Francolino



CARLOTTA SPARVOLI

Ca' Foscari University of Venice

**Perception and production of
Mandarin tones in L2 Learners**



CHIARA PICCININI

Catholic University of the Sacred Heart

**Teaching Mandarin phonetics
to Italian learners**



HANA TŘÍŠKOVÁ

Oriental Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences

**Bridging research and practice in L2
Mandarin pronunciation instruction**

Session 2 Pedagogical applications

Chair: Andrea Scibetta



AGOSTINO SEPE

University of Trento

**Designing teaching materials
for L2 Mandarin pronunciation**



SERGIO CONTI

Roma Tre University

**The role of oral comprehension
in pronunciation acquisition**



WEN JU-MAY

Taiwan National United University

AI and pronunciation teaching