



## Raters and Rating Course Overview and Programme

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**Location:** [Faculty of Arts & Philosophy Library, Rozier 44, Ghent](#)

**Rooms:** Seminar Lab, ground floor

**Schedule:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 9am to 5pm. Each session is expected to last 90 minutes.

**Overview:** This course will explore the complexities of training raters to mark writing and speaking performances in a reliable and consistent way. The areas covered will be:

- Selection and initial training of raters
- Standardisation and monitoring
- Developing rating scales
- Validation and quality assurance

This course is for people working in assessment, who would like to know more about how to train, manage and evaluate their community of raters, and how to understand and make decisions based on data from validation procedures. It is not particularly theoretical or statistical but with a focus on what the issues are and how best to avoid the pitfalls in advance or deal with issues after the test. It is suitable for those who work with large or small groups of raters. No statistical literacy is required, but a working knowledge of speaking or writing test construction is assumed.

	<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>
<b>08.30am – 9.00am</b>	Registration
<b>9.00am -10.30am</b> <b>AM Session 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rating and Minimum Standards</li> <li>- Working with people: systems and data protection</li> <li>- Selection and initial training of raters</li> </ul>
10.30am – 11.00am	<b>Coffee Break</b> 30 minutes
<b>11.00am – 12:30pm</b> <b>AM Session 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rater behaviours and tendencies</li> <li>- Coordination and Standardisation</li> <li>- Monitoring live sessions</li> </ul>
12:30pm – 13.30pm	<b>*Lunch</b> 1 hour
<b>13.30pm – 15.00pm</b> <b>PM Session 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developing rating scales</li> <li>- Linking to external frameworks</li> <li>- Determining cut scores and boundaries</li> </ul>
15.00pm – 15.30pm	<b>Coffee Break</b> 30 minutes
<b>15.30 – 17.00pm</b> <b>PM Session 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Validation of rating performance</li> <li>- Quality assurance procedures and methods</li> <li>- Post-test findings and decisions</li> </ul>

**Tuition fee:**

€220: Non-members/Non-institutional affiliates

€200: ALTE members and institutional affiliates

**All prices include lunch and coffee breaks.** Participants should arrange for their travel arrangements and accommodation.

\*Lunch will be served at the University Language Centre, Sint-Pietersnieuwstraat 136