

Free Session

A Conversation with a Master Language Teacher about Educational Technology

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The use of digital tools opens up the classroom to the whole world. With programs such as Skype and FlipGrid students all over the globe are able to meet, speak, and work together in real-time. Digital tools transform teaching, and by using them wisely you can take your students far beyond text- and workbooks or struggles with vocabulary tests. They are able to “travel” and actually see what it is like in other parts of the world. These days, when some borders are being closed, it is important that we teach our students about different cultures and raise awareness about the world around us. A brief presentation serves as the foundation for a practice-based conversation about language teaching in the 21st century.



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Sara Bruun is an award-winning language teacher, author, and lecturer from Sweden. She teaches English at a secondary school in Höör where she is also a development manager. Her work was awarded the European Language Label by the European Commission in 2015. In 2016, she received the outstanding achievement award for compulsory and upper-secondary school modern language teaching from the Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities (*Kungliga vitterhetsakademien*). She was recognized in 2017 as Sweden's Teacher of the Year for Educational Technology. She is the author of two books, [*Klassrummet möter världen: Autentiskt, tematiskt och digitalt*](#) (*The Classroom Meets the World: Authentically, Thematically, and Digitally*) and [*Digitala arbetsätt i klassrummet: Att våga ta språnget*](#) (*Digital Practices in the Classroom: Daring to Take the Leap*).