

Webinar Panelists

**Richard Smith**

Professor at the University of Warwick, founder of the Warwick ELT Archive (http://warwick.ac.uk/elt_archive) and co-coordinator of the AILA Research Network on History of Language Learning and Teaching (HoLLT.net). Some of his earlier research into Michael West's work is reproduced in ELT Archive Hall of Fame web-pages.

**A M M Hamidur Rahman**

Professor of English and Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, Daffodil International University, formerly Professor at the Institute of Modern Languages, Dhaka University. He has been involved in curriculum planning, materials development and teacher training. He is keenly interested in Michael West's contributions to ELT in Bengal and the relevance of his ideas today.

**Arifa Rahman**

Former Professor of ELT, Dhaka University and currently research consultant, BRAC Institute of Educational Development. She is engaged in multi-country projects that research towards justifying appropriate EL pedagogy in low-resourced settings. Arifa finds West's 'difficult circumstances' concept relevant to her work.

**Henry Widdowson**

Professor Emeritus, University of London, Honorary Professor, University of Vienna, an internationally acclaimed authority in applied linguistics and language teaching. He began his career as a British Council Officer in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. His many influential publications include *Defining Issues in English Language Teaching* (2003) and, most recently, *On the Subject of English* (2020).

**Ranjit Podder**

Associate Professor, Government Teachers' Training College, Dhaka, Bangladesh, the very same college that Michael West worked in nearly a century ago. Along with teacher education of beginning and in-service teachers, he is interested in research on ELT in Bangladesh.

**Santosh Mahapatra**

Santosh works at BITS Pilani Hyderabad Campus, India, teaching courses on academic English and supervises PhD students. His research interests are teacher development, technology integration and language policy. He is also interested in the history of language teaching, especially, Michael West.

**Rubina Khan**

Professor, Department of English, University of Dhaka, President, Bangladesh English Language Teachers Association (BELTA). She is a teacher educator and a researcher and has worked on several national and international projects. Rubina is very interested in the pioneering research of Michael West and his contribution to TESOL.