

## **Zeynep Onat-Stelma**

### **Biodata**

Zeynep Onat-Stelma is a lecturer in the School of Education, at the University of Manchester. She is teaching in the areas of TESOL, bilingualism and research methods. She is also currently involved in a research project, Euroversity ([www.euroversity.eu](http://www.euroversity.eu)) funded by the European Union. Her main research interest lies in teacher professional development. She has previously been involved in research projects where she worked with language teachers in different international settings. One of these projects was funded by Cambridge University Press and the other project was funded by the European Union, AVALON ([www.avalonlearning.eu](http://www.avalonlearning.eu)).



### **Abstract**

#### **Teachers reflect, teachers research: Timeless principles in changing times?**

This talk will explore the dynamics between teacher reflection and teachers researching their own teaching against the backdrop of continuous change. If we, as teachers, accept 'change' as a natural part of our teaching life and try and understand and direct this 'change', it is more than likely that we are reflective teachers. This talk argues that as reflective teachers, we are part-way to being reflective teacher researchers. The next step might then be to think of ourselves more overtly as teacher researchers. This talk will detail the additional activity and benefits that being a teacher researcher may bring.