

## IB ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL WORKSHOP AGENDA

DP Economics (Level 2)  
American School of Bombay, Mumbai, India  
20 – 22 November 2009, Friday - Sunday

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### Workshop Leader

#### **Kalpana Balan**

Kalpana Balan has taught IB Economics, Theory of Knowledge and Business and Management for almost 10 years. She is an examiner and workshop leader for both Economics and Theory of Knowledge. She has taught in different IB world schools in Europe, Latin America and Asia. She graduated with Economics, History and Political Science as her majors, followed by an MBA. She is currently teaching and holding the position of Assistant IB Coordinator in Shanghai.

She can be contacted through her email: [kalpanabalan@yahoo.com](mailto:kalpanabalan@yahoo.com) if you would like any further information on the workshop or offer feedback.

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#### **All participants are requested to bring with them the following:**

- A copy of this Agenda
- A copy of the IB Economics Guide
- A copy of the Teacher Support Material (Internal Assessment)
- A copy of IB learner profile and IB guidelines on Academic Honesty
- A copy of the Extended Essay general guide and specifically the Economics section of the guide
- A copy of own subject Schemes of Work
- A few of your teaching ideas that have been successful (to be done as a group activity)
- A couple of ideas for a group activity on how to integrate TOK in Economics

*Please note: session topics are subject to change based on needs of the group*

Friday, 20 November

0830 - 0900

**Welcome & Introduction**

0900 - 1000

**Session 1: Teaching in the IBDP**

- Brief introductions
- Aims of the workshop
- Agenda clarifications
- Teaching in the IBDP (-IB Learner profile  
-Differences in curriculum  
-Internationalism in Economics)

1000 - 1030

Morning Break

1030 - 1200

**Session 2: Introduction IB Economics**

- Aims and Objectives
- Syllabus content & Assessments
- Curriculum Review report-May 2009
- Any “burning” questions

1200 - 1300

Lunch

1300 - 1430

**Session 3: Internal Assessment**

- What is a commentary in Economics
- Requirements (Do's & Don'ts)
- Scheduling them and integrating them into the syllabus
- How much feedback to be given – sample reading

1430 - 1500

Afternoon Break

1500 - 1630

**Session 4: Internal Assessment Criteria**

- Understanding the criteria
- Learn to assess by marking samples
- Questions/Answers

1630

End of day 1

Saturday, 21 November

0830 - 1000

**Session 5: Terminology and Diagrams**

- Command and directive terms – glossary
- Importance of diagrammatic illustrations in answers

1000 - 1030

Morning Break

1030 - 1200

**Session 6: External assessment Criteria**

- Standard level - Papers- weighting – marking scripts
- Higher level – Papers – weighting – marking scripts
- Role of Internal Assessment in the weighting

1200 - 1300

Lunch

1300 - 1430

**Session 7: Teaching Ideas I**

- Section I – Introductory concepts
- Section II - Microeconomics

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Section III - Macroeconomics</li> </ul>
1430 - 1500	Afternoon Break
1500 - 1630	<b>Session 8: Teaching Ideas II and the TOK link in Economics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Section IV – International Economics</li> <li>▪ Section V - Development Economics</li> <li>▪ TOK links in All sections particularly Sections IV &amp; V</li> </ul>
1630	End of Day 2
<u>Sunday, 22 November</u>	
0830 - 1000	<b>Session 9: : Extended Essays in Economics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Requirements and defining the research question</li> <li>▪ How much feedback to be given – sample reading</li> <li>▪ Understanding the criteria through sample marking</li> </ul>
1000 - 1030	Morning Break
1030 - 1200	<b>Session 10: Resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How to use the Online Curriculum Centre – a practical session</li> <li>▪ Review of resources available</li> </ul>
1200 - 1300	Lunch
1300 - 1430	<b>Session 11: How to plan the Economics syllabus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Daily/weekly lesson plans</li> <li>▪ Incorporating effective field trips and other activities</li> <li>▪ Ideas for assessments in school for IB Econ students</li> </ul>
1430 - 1500	Afternoon Break
1500 - 1600	<b>Session 12: IB guidelines for academic honesty</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plagiarism – Helping students follow ethical practices</li> <li>▪ Any questions on the day's sessions or any other sessions</li> <li>▪ Workshop Leader Evaluation</li> </ul>
1600	Workshop Closes and Award of Certificates*

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\* An official "IB Certificate of Attendance" is awarded to participants who have attended all sessions of a workshop. Please ensure that travel arrangements do not preclude candidacy for a certificate.