

Regional Training Programme for Chinese Language Teachers for Latin America and the Caribbean 2026

September 4 and 5, Santiago, Chile

Free and mandatory registration (online and in-person)

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Informations: <https://fundacionclec.org/en/teachertraining2026/>

Friday 09/04

09:00 – 10:00 Opening Ceremony

Roberto Lafontaine. Director, CLEC Foundation Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Ruan Huiqiao. Deputy Director, CLEC Foundation Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Claudia Peirano Rodríguez. National Rector, Universidad Santo Tomás Chile.

Niu Qingbao. Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Chile

Eduardo Frei Ruiz Tagle. Former President of Chile.

10:30 – 12:00 **Zhang Tianchi** (online) Digital teaching strategies for Chinese and innovation in classroom practice

12:00 – 12:15 Presentation of participating teachers

12:15 – 13:30 UST Pedagogy Expert (to be confirmed). Classroom innovation.

14:30 – 15:30 **Andrés Ibáñez** Neurolearning and strategic planning in early-stage language teaching, focused on Latin American students

15:45 – 16:45 **Freddy Fredes** Chinese language complements and teaching competencies: a continuing education path for Spanish-speaking teachers

Saturday 09/05

09:30 – 11:00 **Zhang Tianchi** (online). Development and application of teaching resources in the classroom

11:30 – 13:00 **Ye Jun.** Teaching strategies and application of educational resources according to the HSK 3.0 standard

14:00 – 15:30 **Ye Jun.** Development trends in teaching Chinese as a foreign language

15:30 – 16:30 **Cesar Matusso.** Analysis of learning difficulties: Strategies to maintain motivation in beginner students.

16:30 – 17:00 Closing ceremony and diploma presentation.

- Teachers wishing to attend in person should budget for accommodation, meals, transportation, and other expenses.
- Registration will be processed automatically and you will receive a confirmation email.

Guest Speakers



Ye Jun

East China Normal University, Deputy Director and Lecturer at the Training Centre for International Chinese Teachers, PhD thesis supervisor, member of the National Guidance Committee for Postgraduate Education in the Specialism of International Chinese Language Teaching, and Secretary-General of the Teacher Development Committee of the World Association for Teaching Chinese. His main areas of research are linguistics and applied linguistics, international Chinese language teaching, and studies on Chinese phonetics and grammar. He has been selected for the Chinese Ministry of Education's "Outstanding Talents of the New Century" programme and Shanghai's "Pujiang Talents" programme, and has received numerous awards for research and teaching achievements at provincial and ministerial level. He has taught at Cornell University, Wellesley College and the University of Virginia in the United States, and has extensive experience in leading-edge teaching both in China and abroad.



Zhang Tianchi

Head of the Department of Research and Teaching for Teacher Training at the International Chinese Teacher Training Centre of East China Normal University, and a full-time lecturer at the Confucius Institute. She is responsible for designing courses on digitalisation and artificial intelligence for teacher training, developing teaching resources and delivering classes. She has received the Exemplary Case Award for Digital Application and Practice at the World Conference on Chinese Language, has presented a paper at the International Symposium of the European Association for Teaching Chinese, and has contributed to the compilation of the "Series of Preparation Books for the International Chinese Teacher Certificate Examination" published by People's Education Press. She has delivered courses on digital and smart Chinese language teaching for the Shanghai Overseas Chinese Affairs Office and the Chinese Language Education Foundation, amongst other institutions. She has taught Chinese language and culture at Aarhus University (Denmark) and the Confucius Institute at the University of Turin (Italy), and has extensive experience in teaching abroad, as well as in training local teachers in digitalisation and artificial intelligence.



Andrés Ibáñez

Holds a Master's degree in Teaching Mandarin Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages from East China Normal University, Shanghai. He also holds diplomas in neurolearning and instructional design. He currently teaches Mandarin Chinese language and Chinese culture at the Confucius Institutes of Universidad Santo Tomás and Universidad San Francisco de Quito, in addition to teaching at various higher education institutions in Chile.



Freddy Fredes

Mandarin Chinese teacher at the UC Confucius Institute (Universidad Católica de Chile). Holds a Master's degree in applied linguistics from Shandong University, China. He has been a speaker at Chinese teaching conferences in Peru, Mexico, and Chile.



Cesar Matiusso

PhD candidate and holds a Master's degree in Translation Studies from the LETRA postgraduate programme at the University of São Paulo. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Chinese Language and Literature, also from USP, with an exchange period at GDUFS (广东外语外贸大学) in Guangzhou, China. He has worked as a local instructor at the Confucius Institute at Unesp (São Paulo, Brazil) since 2018. He was a contributor to the Confucius Institute Magazine in Portuguese and, as a literary translator, has translated and studied authors such as Su Dongpo, Lu Xun, and Eileen Chang.