Developing communicative language competence

It is widely accepted that the goal of language teaching is "communicative language competence". Competences consist of a set of the essential skills, knowledge, attitudes, and behaviour required for effective performance of a real-world task or activity. The speaker will concentrate on how to maximise the effectiveness of realistic and meaningful input and suggest classroom techniques that will enable this to be successfully turned into output. Ideas will be given on how to structure lessons and learning – in general – in such a way that students are provided with the support they need to move forward and become self-confident, autonomous participants in the learning process.