

## **Seminar on “Creating a Shared Language for Comprehension Instruction through Question Answer Relationships”**

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**Venue:** HG01, Ho Yin Convention Centre, University of Macau

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### **Abstract :**

Prof. Raphael is Professor of Literacy Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her research interests include strategy instruction in comprehension and writing and frameworks for literacy curriculum and instruction.

Research has demonstrated the value of Question Answer Relationships (QAR) for improving students' ability to ask and answer questions. Taking QAR to the next level, this presentation focuses on how the language of QAR can be used to create a shared vocabulary about knowledge development and high level thinking. During the seminar, QAR will be introduced, then discussed in terms of the reading cycle, strategy instruction, and readers' strategic decision-making.