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Biography:

Ms Tanya Kempston has been working in educational settings for 20 years and is a recipient of the Faculty of Education (2016-17) and University (2018-19) Outstanding Teacher Awards. Originally from Northern Ireland, she trained as a secondary school teacher of English and after some years teaching in Ireland and Japan, Tanya moved to and fell in love with Hong Kong. She was awarded a Masters Degree (with Distinction) in Drama and Theatre Education from the University of Warwick, UK in 2006.

She worked as a teacher of English and Literature in a Hong Kong secondary school and Curriculum Development Officer in the Hong Kong Education Bureau and is currently a Lecturer in the Faculty of Education. Tanya happily teaches on a variety of undergraduate and postgraduate teacher education programmes. She is intrigued in how drama offers many possibilities as both pedagogy and product and has recently been training HKU students to work with Myanmar migrants to create bare stage drama productions. Her most recent publication (with Nicholas Thomas) focuses on the utility of simulations and realia in the teaching and learning of international relations.