

UKLEF Meetings Secretary Report (September 2008- September 2009)

1. 2008-2009 Meetings

During 2008-09, LEF was involved in six academic meetings, five with support and funding from the ESRC-RDI *Ethnography Language & Communication* Programme (an ESRC-funded Researcher Development Initiative). These were:

- *Linguistic Ethnography Track* at the 2008 BAAL Annual Meeting in Swansea on 13 Sept 2008, with contributions from Angeles Clemente, Michael Higgins, Meredith Izon, Mukul Saxena, Peter Sercombe and James Simpson.
- *Advances in Ethnography, Language and Communication*, an interdisciplinary conference with 15 presentations in 3 tracks and two keynotes (by Celia Roberts and Janet Maybin). Aston University, 20 September 2008 (organizers: by Fiona Copland, Sara Shaw and Julia Snell) (RDI-ELC)
- *Asylum and the Analysis of Language*, with Jan Blommaert and Katryn Maryns. King's College London, 15 November 2008 (c. 40 participants) (RDI-ELC)
- *Health Communication: New Methods for Old Problems*, with contributions from Sarah Collins, Trish Greenhalgh, Srikant Sarangi, Angus Clarke, Celia Roberts, Sara Shaw, Deborah Swinglehurst, Julia Bailey, Jamie Murdock. King's College London, 23 January 2009. (40-50 participants) (RDI-ELC)
- *Interaction, Culture and Inequality* – a masterclass with Ray McDermott (Stanford). Institute of Education, University of London, 14 March 2009. (c. 40 participants) (RDI-ELC)
- *The Everyday Life of Families: A View from Linguistic Anthropology*, a master-class with Elinor Ochs (UCLA), with Pia Christensen (Warwick) as discussant. King's College London, Friday 26 June 2009. (c. 40 participants) (RDI-ELC)

2. Upcoming and future meetings

- *Linguistic Ethnography Track* at the 2009 BAAL Annual Meeting in Newcastle, 3-5 September, with contributions from Constadina Charalambous, Zane Goebel, Deirdre Martin & Jane Stokes, and Zoe Nikolaidou.
- *Explorations in Ethnography, Language & Communication: Focus on Data*, with keynotes from Jan Blommaert & Martyn Hammersley. Aston University, 11 September 2009. (Organisers: Fiona Copland, Sara Shaw, Julia Snell) (RDI-ELC)
- *Analysing Representation and Communication in Digital Environments*, with Caroline Pelletier, Diane Carr, Jannis Androustopoulos & Carey Jewitt. London Knowledge Lab, 18 September 2009. (RDI-ELC)
- *Sociolinguistics vs Linguistic Anthropology*, with Alessandro Duranti, Ben Rampton and Janet Maybin. King's College London, 27 November 2009.

- *Teaching & Learning Linguistic Ethnography*. March 2010. (RDI-ELC)

3. Planning of events

Reflecting on the events held in 2008-2009 and the events lined up for the year 2009-2010 we recognize that

- LEF has been involved in a wide range of well-attended events addressing a range of different issues in Linguistic Ethnography;
- Most of these events are part of the Ethnography, Language and Communication Researcher Development Initiative.
- Our call for proposals for LEF events sent out at the beginning of last year, while initially triggering a number of promising ideas for one-day seminars, has not resulted in any actual events being held.

In the coming year we will continue to remind LEF members of the possibility of organizing events under the LEF umbrella. We will also approach members directly, inviting them to organize focused seminars or workshops of the kind we've had in the past, e.g. on Ethnographies of literacy (2007); Bourdieu and linguistic ethnography(2007); Linguistic Ethnographies of children and youth (2007); Methodological Issues in linguistic Ethnography (2006); and Bahktin, language and discourse (2005).

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