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Third Annual Conference
Explorations in Ethnography, Language and Communication:
Perspectives on Data

2pm on Thursday 23rd until 5pm Friday 24th September 2010
Aston University, Birmingham, UK

We are now inviting abstracts for papers and posters for the 2010 conference on *Explorations in Ethnography Language and Communication*. The theme of the conference is 'perspectives on data'. Particular consideration will therefore be given to papers that explore questions such as: 'what counts as "data" in linguistic ethnography?'; 'What is the relationship between data and researcher or data and participant?'; 'How should/can ethnographic data be analysed and interpreted?' Submissions are encouraged from across disciplines and topics including, for instance, research on health, education, culture and identity, but abstracts should provide a clear focus on how ethnographic concepts and methods can be applied to the description and analysis of language data.

The conference will open on the afternoon of Thursday 23rd September with a series of interactive data workshops (including contributions from Professor Ben Rampton, King's College London; Professor Angela Creese, University of Birmingham; and Dr Sarah Collins, University of York), involving discussion of selected data combined with a paper presentation, allowing delegates to debate the process of interpretation and analysis. Friday 24th September will then comprise plenary lectures, parallel oral presentations and a closing debate, with plenty of opportunity to exchange ideas with speakers and other delegates.

Plenary speakers include Professor Charles Briggs (Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley) and Professor Carey Jewitt (Institute of Education, University of London).

Oral presentations will be 30 minutes in length, followed by 15 minutes for discussion. Dedicated time and space will also be allocated for poster presentations. Abstracts (up to 300 words) should be submitted by e-mail attachment (Word files) to lss_eelc@aston.ac.uk. Please submit two files, one containing the abstract and details of the author(s) (name(s), affiliation, email address) and one containing an anonymous abstract. Under the title for the abstract, please give four keywords which summarise the paper/poster. In the body of your email please specify whether the abstract is for a poster or paper presentation.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **Friday 16th April 2010**. Registration for the conference will open in June 2010.

The conference is affiliated with the UK Linguistic Ethnography Forum and is organised by Dr. Fiona Copland (School of Languages and Social Sciences, Aston University), Dr. Julia Snell (Institute of Education, University of London) and Dr. Sara Shaw (University College London / The Nuffield Trust).