

RESEARCH NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY EVENTS

Public Lectures

5.00 - 6.30 pm, Mondays
15 Norham Gardens, Seminar G & H

4th February 2008

“Ethnographic Approaches to Language and Literacy”

Speaker: Professor Brian Street, King’s College, London and University of Pennsylvania
Convenor: Dr Jane McNicholl

11 February 2008

“Reading French at Key Stages 2 and 3: Obstacles and Potential”

Speaker: Professor Ernesto Macaro, University of Oxford, Dr Lynn Erler, University of Oxford
Convenor: Professor Ernesto Macaro

18 February 2008

“Teacher Supply — A golden age or back on the slippery slope? Review of recent trends in teacher supply including predictions for 2008”

Speaker: Professor John Howson, University of Oxford, Dr Almut Sprigade, Education Data Surveys
Convenor: Dr Jane McNicholl

25th February 2008

‘Commitment, Compliance and Comfort Zones: Using a Socio-cultural Approach to Improve Formative Assessment in Post-14 Education’

Speaker: Professor Kathryn Ecclestone, Oxford Brookes University
Convenor: Professor John Furlong

Higher Education and Professional Learning Seminars

1.30-4pm, Tuesdays, Seminar Room D
Convenor: Hubert Ertl

5 February 2008

“It’s not what you know: the experiences of British and other European graduates in the labour market”

Speaker: John Brennan, Open University

12 February 2008

“Intergenerational ambivalence and educational decision-making”

Speaker: Sue Heath, University of Southampton

19 February 2008

“Academic engagement: what students tell us about teaching and learning”

Speaker: Sandra Cooke, University of Birmingham

26 February 2008

“Higher education and the graduate labour market: making sense of complexity”

Speaker: Kate Purcell, University of Warwick

Comparative and International Learning Seminars

Tuesdays, 5-6.30pm, St Antony’s College, Dahrendorf Room

Convenors: Dr David Johnson, Professor David Phillips and Professor Robert Service

5 February 2008

“The Europeanization of Russian Higher Education”

Speaker: Dr Olga Oleynikova, Centre for VET studies of the Russian Federation, Russia

12 February 2008

“Politeness, Face, and Power: Discourse in Russian University Classrooms”

Speaker: Elena Minina, University of Oxford

26 February 2008

“Restructuring Higher Education in Russia”

Speaker: Prof Olga Fedotova and Dr Oksana Chigisheva, University of Rostov-on-Don, Russia

Teacher & Teacher Education Seminars

Thursdays, 4.30-6pm, Seminar Room D

Convenor: Anne Watson, Mathematics Education

14th February 2008

“The Beginnings of Mathematics Education in 16th Century England: Problems, People and Philosophy”

Speaker: Leo Rogers, Independent Consultant in Mathematics Education

21st February 2008

“Who’s line is it anyway? In a mathematics classroom”

Speaker: Dr Thabit Al-Murami, University of Oxford

OSAT Reading Groups

5.00-6.00pm, 15 Norham Gardens
Seminar Room E

Tuesday 19th February

‘Cognitive Science and Situated Cognition: Paradigm Wars or Two Sides of the Same Coin?’

The two papers are:

—*Perspective on Thinking*, James G. Greeno

—*The Situativity of Knowing, Learning and Research*, James G. Greeno and the Middle School

Mathematics Through Applications Project Group, at the Institute for Research on Learning and Stanford University

For a copy of the reading material, please contact Stav Friedman at the research office by email at research.office@gmail.com.

Families, Early Learning and Literacy (FELL) Seminar Programme

Wednesdays 5-6.30pm, unless otherwise specified. Seminar Rooms K and L (30 Norham Gardens, ground floor)

Monday, 11 February 2008

12.45-2.30pm

“Moderators and Mediators”

Speaker: James Hall, University of Oxford

Wednesday, 13 February 2008

“Factors related to L2 English development in primary school” and “The effects of home computing in primary school”

Speakers: Fiona Middleweek, University of Oxford and Ebrahim Talae, respectively

Wednesday, 20 February 2008

National Educational Panel Study (NEPS) in Germany – Research Questions and Design for a New Lifecourse Study”

Speaker: Hans-Peter Blossfeld, University of Oxford

RESEARCH NEWS

-You will be delighted to know that Professor Kathy Sylva has been awarded the OBE in the New Year Honours in recognition of her services to children and families.

-Dr Els DeGeest who is Research Officer for the Changes in Mathematics Teaching Project is now also Research Director for the National Centre for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics

RESEARCH STAFF FORUM

Research Staff Forum Stammtisch - Tuesday, 5 February 2008, 5.30pm onwards. The Royal Oak Pub, Woodstock Road, Oxford. All Contract Research Staff welcome.

Research Staff Social Lunch - Tuesdays, 12.30pm at the Lady Margaret Hall.

QUANT SIG MEETING

Every Monday we meet to learn about and discuss advanced quantitative methods, and to see novel applications of these methods. Please contact Alison O'Mara to be included in the mailing list (alison.omara@education.ox.ac.uk). The dates and times are as follows:

4 February—Jackie Cheng, Karolina Retali, & Kate Xu discuss 'Summary of Transfer Papers with an Emphasis in Methodology' at 12.45 - 3pm in seminar room G.

11 February—James Hall discusses 'Moderators and Mediators: Issues in Discrimination and Application' at 12.45pm in seminar room J

18 February—Lars-Erik Malmberg, Cassandra Halliburton, & Andrew Martin discuss 'Using Personal Digital Assistants (PDA) for collecting micro-longitudinal data: Lessons learnt from the Learning Every Lesson (LEL) pilot study' at 12.45pm in seminar room J

25 February—Herb Marsh discusses 'New Multilevel Latent Variable Approaches to the Big-Fish-Little-Pond-Effect' at 12.45 in Seminar Room J

WORK-IN-PROGRESS SEMINARS

Thursdays 1-2.30pm, Seminar Room E

This seminar is provided for doctoral students, but all are welcome to attend. It offers students the chance to present their current work to their peers, to try out ideas, and to benefit from discussion and feedback in a supportive environment. If you wish to give a paper in this seminar, please contact david.mills@education.ox.ac.uk.

7th February	TBC
14th February	David Harrison , "Mind the Gap": Cross-cultural Transfer of Skills Using Intern-mentor Approaches in United Nation Agencies"
21st February	Anne Geniets , "Promoting Democratic Inclusion in an Age of Media Interactivity: An Investigation into the Political Online Participation of Young Women from Low Socio-economic Status Backgrounds or Without Higher Education in Britain"
28th February	Barbara Banda , "Off-the-job Management Training Programmes: An Exploration of the Participants' Experience of the Transitions between Training Environments and the Workplace"

DPHILS AWARDED

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully completed their DPhil Degrees:

Tao Guo	A Case Study of Teachers' Codeswitching Behaviours in Mainland China's University EFL Classrooms and Students' Reactions to the Codeswitching
Ulcca Joshi Hansen	Holistic Education: Its Philosophical Underpinnings and Practical Application
Jason Nicholls	The Possibilities for Comparing a Syllabus Topic in School History Across Cultures: A Contribution to Method in Comparative Inquiry in Education
Eleni Soucacou	Assessment of Classroom Quality in Inclusive Preschool Settings: Development and Validation of a New Observation Method
Kentei Takaya	Knowledge and Performance of Small Talk by Japanese Users of English

RESEARCH OFFICE

Copy Date for March Research Newsletter:

The deadline for submissions for the next Research Newsletter is Thursday 21st February 2008. Please send items to the Research Office, which can be contacted by email at research.secretary@gmail.com, by telephone on 01865 284 898 or in person in Room NG.10.53 of 15 Norham Gardens.