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NEWSLETTER  
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NOVEMBER EVENTS

**Public Seminars**

5.00-6.30pm Mondays  
15 Norham Gardens,  
Seminar Room A

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Convenor:** Vicky Murphy

"Beyond input: interaction in first language acquisition"

*Speaker: Matthew Sexton, Faculty of Children and Health, Institute of Education, University of London*

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

**Convenor:** Herb Marsh

"Peer-review process in academia; strengths, limitations and how to improve it"

*Speaker: Herb Marsh, SELF Research Group, Department of Education, University of Oxford*

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

**Convenor:** Terezinha Nunes

"The eXpresser: a microworld to support mathematical generalisation"

*Speakers: Celia Hoyles and Richard Noss, London Knowledge Lab, Institute of Education, University of London*

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Convenor:** Ken Mayhew/SKOPE

"Competencies possessed by young university graduates and qualification requirements for jobs"

*Speaker: Manuel Salas-Velasco, Applied Economics Department, University of Granada, Spain*

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**Convenor:** Ernesto Macaro

"Memories and L2 learning: reflections on process and product"

*Speaker: Alison Wray, Centre for Language and Communication, University of Cardiff.*

**Mathematics Education Research Group**

**Convenor:** Anne Watson

Tuesdays 4.30-6.00pm Seminar Room G

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

"Discourses about mathematical discourse"

*Speaker: Andreas Ryve, University of Stockholm*

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

"Getting 'the point': a critical component in developing pedagogical content knowledge"

*Speaker: Helen Chick, University of Melbourne*

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

"Secondary pre-service mathematics teachers revisiting school mathematics"

*Speaker: Craig Pournara, University of Witswatersrand*

**OSAT Research Group**

Seminar Room G/H

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

2.00 – 4.30pm

"Introduction to Vygotsky"

**Discussion session led by:** Anne Edwards and Viv Ellis - open to PGCE and research degree students

*Followed at 5.00 – 6.30pm by Seminar*

"A leading activity: towards a cultural historical perspective on play and assessment in early childhood education"

*Speaker: Susan Edwards, Monash University, Australia*

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**5.00-6.30pm Seminar Room H**

**Reading Group meeting**

Readings by Mike Cole and John Shotter. *Loan copies from Phil Richards*

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

**4.00-6.30pm Seminar Room H**

**OSAT Symposium**

*Speakers: Alaster Douglas, Hannah Grainger-Clemson, Sheena Wagstaff and Susan Edwards*

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Reading Group Meeting**

**5.00-6.30pm Seminar Room H**

*For further information email [philip.richards@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:philip.richards@education.ox.ac.uk)*

**Child Learning and Families, Early Learning and Literacy (FELL) Research Groups**

**Convenor:** Kathy Sylva

Wednesdays 5.00- 6.00pm Seminar Rooms K&L, 30 Norham Gardens

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

"The contribution of vocabulary and decoding skills at age 5 to reading in English children at age 11: more EPPE findings"

*Speaker: Kathy Sylva, University of Oxford*

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

"An incomplete understanding: clarifying some causes and consequences of the 'poor comprehender' profile"

*Speaker: Hannah Pimperton, Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford*

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

"How children can learn morphologically-based spellings"

*Speaker: Megan Patrick, Department of Education, University of Oxford*

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

"Morphology roolz: spelling intervention studies with university students"

*Speaker: Nenah Kemp, School of Psychology, University of Tasmania*

**Teaching and Teachers Education Research Group**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

4.30 – 6.00pm Seminar Room E

"Education for citizenship: examining promising practices across countries"

*Speaker: Carole Hahn, Leverhulme Visiting Professor, Department of Education, University of Oxford*

**Applied Linguistics Research Group**

**Convenor:** Ernesto Macaro

Tuesdays 1pm Seminar Room K/L

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

"The multilingual mainstream, or, who are you calling a minority anyway? A Canadian perspective on immigrant-origin children in majority-language school systems"

*Speaker: Mela Sarkar, Faculty of Education, McGill University*

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

"Syntactic development in instructed English learners of French"

*Speaker: Vivienne Rogers, University of Oxford*

**SELF Research Group**

**Quant Sig meetings**

Mondays 12.15 Seminar Room J (computer lab) 28 Norham Gardens

*Please contact Paul Honey for further details or if you wish to be included in the mailing list ([self.education@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:self.education@education.ox.ac.uk)).*

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

"Estimating person proficiency parameters in the Rasch model independently of all test parameters and their maximum scores"

*Speaker: David Andrich, University of Western Australia*

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

"Big fish little pond effect: Negative effects of school-average ability on academic self-concept: generalisation and moderation".

*Speaker: Man (Kate) Xu, University of Oxford*

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

" Student Engagement in Science in PISA 2006: cross-cultural analyses "

*Speaker: Benjamin Nagengast, University of Oxford*

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

"Unmasking the phantom: design of a simulation study to measure bias in multi-level systems with measurement and aggregated constructs"

*Speaker: John Fletcher, University of Oxford*

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

"Variability and change in 17 teachers' classroom quality during teacher education and two years of professional practice: a three-level multilevel model"

*Speaker: Lars-Erik Malmberg, University of Oxford*

## News and Awards

- **Professor Anne Edwards** is to receive an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Helsinki

*Congratulations to the following who has successfully completed his DPhil:*

- **Tien Yu Yang** “The social environment of asthma management in early adolescence”

## Work in Progress (WIP) Seminar Series

The Work in Progress Seminar Series is organized by doctoral students in the Department and sessions are held on Mondays at 2pm. The Michaelmas Term sessions are led by DPhil students from Oxford and the Department of Social and Policy Sciences at the University of Bath. The full schedule is available on the Hotspot page of the Department’s website. Contact Julia Paulson at [julia.paulson@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:julia.paulson@education.ox.ac.uk) for further details.

## Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain Seminar

Professor Julian Stern will be giving a seminar hosted by the PESGB Oxford Branch on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 5.00pm in Seminar Room G. The title of Professor Stern’s presentation is “Love, death and the spirit of the school”. For further information contact Janet Orchard ([janet.orchard@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:janet.orchard@education.ox.ac.uk))

## Higher Education Research Group

The student-led Higher Education Research Group will be holding two meetings in Michaelmas Term. The first will be 5pm on Tuesday, November 10 at St. Edmund Hall (TBC) and the second at 5pm on Tuesday, December 1 at Lincoln College. All students and staff working on research in higher education, regardless of department or college, are welcome to attend. For more details, and to join the group, please go to <http://groups.google.com/group/oxford-higher-education-studies> or contact Andrew Boggs at [andrew.boggs@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:andrew.boggs@education.ox.ac.uk).

## Research Staff Forum

The Research Staff Forum of the Oxford University Department of Education has been in place for at least the last five years and has the support of the department for its work in offering social and academic support for research staff and also in contributing to the development of more collaborative environments that draw together various categories of staff, within the department and beyond it. The Forum has undertaken a number of initiatives, including: interdisciplinary work on fixed-term employment in social science research; small-scale empirical research on the condition and career plans of research staff; debate and, where appropriate, focussed responses to University-wide, national, and international codes and regulations affecting research staff; and plans for a tailored, researcher-led programme of research staff development in the department. We are currently exploring possibilities of linking with other forums and organisations with similar remit. All research staff in the department are members of the Forum. If you would like to get more closely involved in the work of the Forum or if you would like to suggest or organise social or professional events, please email the current Chair, at [alis.oancea@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:alis.oancea@education.ox.ac.uk).

## Oxford Learning Institute Seminars

All seminars run from 4.00 – 5.30 pm and take place in the Institute on Level 2 of Littlegate House in St Ebbe’s Street. The seminars are open to all to attend. For abstracts and further details go to the OLI website <http://www.learning.ox.ac.uk/oli.php?page=138> Please contact OLI at [research@learning.ox.ac.uk](mailto:research@learning.ox.ac.uk) or (01865) 2-86811 if you would like to attend either of these seminars.

- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November** “Why we need theories in educational development’ or ‘Research as purified distilled experience: theories as explanations of what has been distilled” *Speaker: John Fazey, University of Oxford*
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November** “Universities as organisations: ‘employee branding’ or a ‘radical picture of a freer future?’” *Speaker: Jose Chambers, University of Winchester*
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November** “Reflecting on researching personal development training” *Speaker: Sue Clegg, Leeds Metropolitan University*
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November** “Capital accumulation: working class students learning how to learn in higher education” *Speaker: Gill Crozier, Roehampton University*

## Next Newsletter

The next issue of the newsletter will be in January/February 2010 and the copy deadline will be Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Please submit items to Phil Richards by email at [philip.richards@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:philip.richards@education.ox.ac.uk) Electronic copies of this and previous newsletters can be downloaded from the Department’s website at <http://www.education.ox.ac.uk/research/rpnews/index.php>