

# RESEARCH NEWSLETTER

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## OCTOBER EVENTS

### Public Lectures

**Monday, 15th October 2007**

5.00 - 7.00 pm

Seminar rooms G & H

Convenor - Ernesto Macaro

Speaker - Professor Li Wei,

Professor of Applied Linguistics, School of Languages, Linguistics and Culture

Birkbeck College, University of London

**Monday 22nd October 2007**

5.00 - 7.00pm

Seminar rooms G & H

Convenors - Kathy Sylva and

Jane McNicholl

Speakers - Dr Lars Malmberg and

Dr Hazel Hagger, OUDE

**Monday, 29th October 2007**

5.00 - 7.00 pm

Seminar rooms G & H

Professor John Furlong, OUDE

'The Universities and Education: Where are we? How did we get to be where we are? Where should we be?'

### Quant SIG meeting

**Every Monday**

Seminar J (Computer Lab),

28 Norham Gardens

There are 2 parts to the SIG meetings; people can attend either or both.

\* 12.45 - 2.30pm: Discussion of

advanced quantitative methods

(e.g., CFA, structural equation modelling, multilevel modelling) and

presentations by SIG members of new/ advanced methods.

\* 2.30-4.30: Quant SIG practical

workshops. This is a hands-on

practical session, covering topics such as

using MLwiN to conduct multilevel

model analyses. To be included in the mailing list please contact Alison O'Mara

([alison.omara@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:alison.omara@education.ox.ac.uk))

### Department Poster Conference

**Monday, 8th October 2007**

5.00 - 7.00 pm

Seminar rooms G & H, A & B and the Common Room.

For further info please contact:

Tracy Killip

([tracy.killip@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:tracy.killip@education.ox.ac.uk))

### OSAT Reading Group Meeting

**Wednesday, 10th October 2007**

5.00 - 6.30 pm

Seminar room E

Reading : Holland, D. and

Lachicotte, W. (2007) Vygotsky and Mead and the new sociocultural studies of identity. In Daniels, H.

et al (Eds) The Cambridge

Companion to Vygotsky.

Hard copies of the chapter are available from Anne Edwards - please e-mail. All welcome.

[anne.edwards@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:anne.edwards@education.ox.ac.uk)

### OSAT Seminar

**Tuesday, 23rd October 2007**

5.00 - 6.30 pm

Seminar room E

Dr Elizabeth Dos Santos Braga of the University of São Francisco, Brazil

'Narrative, memory and professional practices in Brazilian education : a cultural historical perspective'

### Mathematics Education

#### Research Group Workshop

**Thursday, 25th October 2007**

Seven current and recent doctoral students will present their research and research-in-progress. Other

students who wish to attend should contact Anne Watson

([anne.watson@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:anne.watson@education.ox.ac.uk))

### Families, Early Learning and Literacy (FELL) Research Group Seminars

**Wednesdays from 5.00 - 6.30 pm,**

Seminar rooms K & L,  
30 Norham Gardens

**24th October 2007**

Dr Joce Nuttall

'The role of teachers' stories in fostering home-centre dialogues about learning in childhood services'

**31st October 2007**

Professor Sue Gathercole

'Poor working memory and inattention : same or different?'

**14th November 2007**

The EPPE Team: Long term effects of pre-school education: recent findings from EPPE

**21st November 2007**

James Hall

'Integrating Ecological Systems Theory into research investigating risk and resilience'

## RESEARCH MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Research Staff Forum Stammtisch - Monday, 1st October 2007** 6.00 pm onwards - The Plough Inn, Wolvercote. All Contract Research Staff welcome

**First RSF Meetings for 2007-08 academic year - Friday, 12th October 2007** A brown bag lunch - all Contract Research Staff welcome. **Monday, 15th October 2007** A brown bag lunch for any Contract Research Staff who couldn't make it on the 12th. More details from [andrea.laczik@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:andrea.laczik@education.ox.ac.uk) or [harriet.dunbar-goddet@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:harriet.dunbar-goddet@education.ox.ac.uk)

**'Food for Thought', the Bruner Building Brown Bag Lunchtime Discussion Series** All Departmental staff and research students are warmly invited to the Bruner Building Brown Bag lunchtime discussion series. This informal biweekly gathering is intended to give us an opportunity to talk about our work and get to know one another in a relatively unthreatening, low pressure environment. The sessions take place on Tuesdays, from 12.30 - 13.30/14.00 in Seminar room L (unless otherwise noted). If you would like to present this term please contact one of us as soon as possible. Adam Lefstein, Sandra Mathers, David Mills and Vassiliki Papatsiba

**The first Brown Bag Discussion is on Tuesday, 23rd October 2007** 12.30 - 2.00pm Seminar room B  
Dr Joce Nuttall, Monash University 'Stories of practice: Teachers' narratives as mediating artefacts in fostering professional learning'

## RESEARCH NEWS

Dr. Andreas Stylianides has been awarded a grant from the Spencer Foundation to investigate the challenges that mathematics teacher trainees face when they try to teach reasoning and proving in their mentor teachers' classrooms. This is a collaborative project with the University of Pittsburgh and builds on Stylianides's work in a recently completed project that was also funded by the Spencer Foundation.

The Department welcomes Dr Pedro Palhares from Braga who will be working with Anne Watson for one year. His interests are in early years mathematics and he would like to meet Early Years colleagues as well as Mathematics Education academics. Also welcome to Dr Elizabeth (Beth) dos Santos Braga who is based in OSAT until January 2008. Beth is working in the area of narratives and teacher development. A welcome also to Dr Cecilia Lundstrom who is visiting OSAT for two months and Dr Joce Nuttall who is here for two weeks.

## DPHILS AWARDED

Congratulations to the following students who were given leave to supplicate for their DPhil degrees :

Duna Sabri	The Assumptive Worlds of Academics and Policy-makers in Relation to Teaching in a Humanities Higher Education Context
Yukiyo Nishida	The Challenge of Multiage Primary Schooling in Public Education : Case Studies in Australia, Canada and the USA

## RESEARCH OFFICE

### Copy Date for November Research Newsletter:

The deadline for submissions for the next Research Newsletter is 26th October 2007. Please send items to the Research Office, which can be contacted by email at [tracy.killip@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:tracy.killip@education.ox.ac.uk), by telephone on 01865 284 898 or in person in Room NG.10.53 of 15 Norham Gardens.