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Editor's Message

This is the first issue of LANGUAGE & SOCIETY, the Newsletter of the Research Committee 25 of the International Sociological Association (ISA), in its new format.

In the past years, the Newsletter has emerged as the most important channel of communication for members of the Research Committee. For that reason, my first aim as newsletter editor will be to continue the good work of previous editor Isabella Paoletti; in my first column as Newsletter editor I would like to express my appreciation for the work of Isabella which I had the opportunity to appreciate as a reader in the course of the last years.

Old members will appreciate important changes in the Newsletter. You may have already noticed a first innovation: the Newsletter is now distributed via email to RC25 members. When the following issue will be out next spring, this issue will be published on our official site www.language-and-society.org.

However, the most important changes concern the contents of the Newsletter: starting from this issue, the Newsletter will provide updates from the executive board, news from members, as well as information about conferences, grants, and publishing opportunities, according to the guidelines of ISA. This means that the Newsletter will no longer publish scientific papers from RC25 members.

In the near future scientific works of RC25 members will find a new, more spacious and comfortable home in our brand new e-journal "*Language, Discourse, & Society*" to be launched in 2011 as a professional journal for scholars in the field.

Language, Discourse, & Society will be an international peer reviewed journal with a scientific board composed by the members of the RC25 executive board. It will be published twice annually in electronic form, and it will be open to articles dedicated to all aspects of sociological analyses of language, discourse and representation. The journal will have its ISSN code and it will be listed in the most important databases of Open Access Journals. In this issue of the Newsletter, you will find the first call for papers for *Language, Discourse, & Society*. Editing a scientific journal requires much work, and the

board has agreed in creating a new executive position of “assistant editor”. In the newsletter you will find a notice soliciting applications for this position. This person will be appointed to the board.

This issue contains a column from each member of the new RC25 executive board who will be in charge until 2014 to introduce themselves to old and new RC25 members.

As usual, the newsletter you are reading contains a news section about conferences, publishing opportunities and relevant information from the members. Personally, I would like to stress that the Newsletter has benefited from feedback from readers in the past, so I urge you to send information about conferences, grants and publishing opportunities which might be of interest for other RC25 members.

Last, but not least, if you have any suggestions or criticisms, please do not hesitate to contact the Newsletter edit or at: federico.farini@unimore.it

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President's Column

The XVII ISA World Congress in Gothenburg, Sweden marked significant changes, both for the ISA and for RC25. With 5,000 members in attendance, the recent World Congress was the most highly attended ISA in history. This is even more impressive considering that in June 2010 the ISA had 4955 members. Similarly RC25 experienced a strong turn out with over 130 scholars on our program. RC25 now includes 111 full (RC and ISA) members. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in this World Congress. It was an exciting and vibrant intellectual environment made possible by our collective efforts.

At the World Congress both the ISA and RC25 welcomed new executive boards and with these we can expect to see some changes. The ISA currently is working out the details of the next interim conference for 2012 and planning the XVIII World Congress in Yokohama, Japan. In the process, they are also considering innovative ideas to better support scholars. Let me tell you a little of what the executive board of RC25 has been doing to serve our membership.

The executive board is launching two new publications. The first of these is the newsletter that you are now reading. Under the leadership of Federico Farini, and with the support of the full board, the newsletter will be published twice each year. It will provide updates from the executive board, news from members, special profiles, as well as news about conferences, grants, and publishing opportunities. We will look forward to member contributions to help ensure both the success and usefulness of the newsletter.



downtown Gothenburg

In addition, RC25 will be launching a new e-journal *Language, Discourse, & Society* in 2011, which will be published twice each year as a professional journal for scholars in the field. Thanks to Federico's leadership and the board's thoughtful work, this journal will have an international presence and will be available in libraries as well as online. Articles will be published in English, French and Spanish—the official languages of the ISA. This is a tremendous milestone for the RC and an opportunity to advance interdisciplinary scholarship in the field of language and society. You can read more about the journal in Federico's column in this newsletter. I hope everyone will consider submitting their research to *Language, Discourse, & Society*.

Members attending the RC25 business meeting brought many excellent ideas for discussion. Stéphanie Cassilde is a new member who brought enthusiasm and innovative ideas to the board meeting. As a result of her participation, the executive board is forming an ad hoc awards committee to allocate two awards each year for outstanding articles published in *Language, Discourse, & Society*. One of these awards will be reserved specifically for graduate students. The board invited Stéphanie to chair this committee and she graciously agreed. We are very excited about the opportunities for publication and awards for all of our members.



opening ceremonies ISA World Congress

Members can also look for innovation on our webpage. Under the leadership of our webmaster Daniela Landert, our RC25 website will expand resources for members. It will host our e-journal *Language, Discourse, & Society*, provide recommended readings for scholars in the field, and introduce a secure site for membership contact information. The site will continue to include conference news, ISA journal information, and more general information about the RC. Also, you will be hearing soon from Taiwo Abioye, our new

secretary, who is leading the development of a member questionnaire that will support some of the website innovations and help members to more easily network with each other. In addition, Taiwo is working with the executive board to develop a welcome letter for new members that will include key information and links to help them become involved in RC activities. Taiwo is new to the RC, please look for her column in this newsletter.

You will be hearing about our financial status from our treasurer, Melanie Heath, in her column in this newsletter. Let me just note that our budget is strong and we are dedicated to spending our resources in ways that contribute to the good of the entire research committee. Conference receptions have proven to be both a lot of fun and a good way to



RC25 reception

cultivate relationships among members. Our reception in Gothenburg was a terrific success—indeed the conversations were so engaging that the group stayed until the restaurant closed. Many thanks to members Ilka Arminen, Melanie Heath, Patrik Zapata, Cathrin Wasshede and Sandi Michele de Oliveira for helping to organize it. Receptions are the largest financial investment that the RC makes, so it is our good fortune that in addition to taking care of our financial concerns, Melanie has also volunteered

to take leadership as the coordinator for RC 25 receptions at interim and world conferences.

The minutes of the RC 25 business meeting are included in this newsletter but it is important to offer a few highlights. We had two large organizational changes in Gothenburg. After consulting with ISA administrators, the board agreed to invite Amado Alarcón to fill the newly vacant position of vice-president. Amado graciously agreed and has been particularly active in helping to launch our new e-journal as well as in all other matters in development on the executive board. Please look for his column in this newsletter. Also upon the recommendation of the ISA administration, the board agreed to extend Melanie's position as treasurer until 2014. At that time all board positions will come up for election. Finally, the board agreed to appoint an assistant editor to the executive board to support our new publications. This position is very exciting both in terms of the work involved and as excellent opportunity to get to know our international community. In addition to editorial work, as an executive board member, this position comes with

responsibilities for participating in the regular business of the executive board. Applications for this position are being solicited in this newsletter. The board will revise existing by-laws to incorporate this as an elected position beginning in 2014.

The tremendous success of RC 25 over the last four years also has brought a few challenges. Some members noted at the executive board meeting in Gothenburg that they attended panels that seemed only loosely related to issues of language. For example, some panels hosted papers that included interviews but did not explicitly study language. This problem certainly did exist and it was complicated by the fact that some panels included sociological studies of language and the fact that we are an interdisciplinary RC spanning (at least) sociology, sociolinguistics, and communication. Within the RC, how scholars study language varies by discipline and by region; consequently it seems possible that some of these difficulties will never be resolved fully. But we can do better. The RC board is taking several steps to assure both integrity and fairness in the organization of conferences. First, to ensure that all members have an equal opportunity to create and host sessions, the board is developing an application process and will solicit session proposals from the full membership. Second, we are developing guidelines for the sessions that will help to keep a strong analytic focus on issues of language and representation. Third, our guidelines also will help to ensure that the composition of every session reflects our international membership. The board process for evaluating proposals will be made public when the application process is announced.

I imagine that by now you have a sense of the excitement on the executive board! We are fortunate to have a highly energized board working to create an infrastructure that will sustain growth, innovation, and opportunity over the next four years. The board works cooperatively on all decisions and relies on every member for leadership on specific projects. The enthusiasm and dedication of board members is truly inspiring. I am honored to serve as president. We invite you to join us—there are many ways volunteers can get involved and you can read about these throughout the newsletter. If you can imagine ways you might contribute that are not in the newsletter, please write to us! We will welcome all ideas for how to better serve our community.

Celine-Marie Pascale,

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Vice-president's Column

Dear RC25 members,

during the last XVII ISA World Congress of Sociology celebrated in Gothenburg I was offered the opportunity to participate actively in our Research Committee as a Board Member. I accepted with interest and a great pleasure this form of service to the international academic community. I hope to successfully match this confidence in me

serving both the Research Committee Board and to all current and future members of the Research Committee.

According to ISA bylaws the vice president works in cooperation with the president to organize the RC 25 World Congress and interim conferences, and works in cooperation with other officers to carry out RC 25 activities. I was advised by our President that the goal for the new board is to have us all actively involved and to function as a collective unit. From my point of view, those statements in fact imply that the proper functioning of the Research Committee activities, and my contribution to the RC 25, mainly will depend on commitment.

I think that is important to briefly describe my previous experience regarding service to the scientific community and international experience. Regarding my experience with service to the academic community, I'm the Scientific Secretary of the International Review of Organizations, a member of the board of Papers, Review of Sociology (dean of the sociological review in Spain), Secretary of different conferences and congresses in Spain and an active member of the Business Administration Department and of the Unit of Sociology of the Rovira & Virgili University. My international experience is related to comparative international research in Europe (Comparative studies between Great Britain, Germany & Spain), and includes research stays in the United States (Princeton University & Texas University at El Paso), organizing the Sociology International Seminars Series of the Rovira & Virgili University (URV), with five sessions every year, and participation in international congresses and conferences.



ISA 2010: Elections

Until the last World Congress of Gothenburg I had a short but positive experience with the RC 25 which began in the ISA Forum of Sociology in Barcelona. In this short course of time I supported RC 25 in organizational issues in Barcelona (as a local), co-chairing one session of the RC25 and encouraging other Catalan and Spanish sociologists to take part in the RC25. After the forum, I continued my participation organizing international seminars in my country with different RC25 members. All these tasks allow me both to begin to understand and to

increase my interest in the complexity of managing scientific work in a highly diversified cultural environment like our Language & Society Research Committee.

Finally, I consider that the new projects and organizational improvements of the Research Committee that you can see in this Newsletter are really a personal and collective challenge for us all.

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Secretary's Column

Dear RC25 Members

On the platform of RC 25, I bring my over 22 years experience in academia to work collaboratively with other members of the Board of one of the most active research committees of the ISA. During our tenure in the next four years, I intend to consolidate what has already been started by previous Executive Boards. For instance, we expect members to identify areas of specialization in which they can comfortably conduct research, encourage colleagues with similar interests to join RC 25, and extend invitations to academic forums to other members. According to ISA-RC25 bylaws, as Secretary, I am responsible for collating and keeping up-to-date records of your current email addresses, institutional affiliations and information about membership: those in good standing and those whose memberships are about to lapse. I will also be sending to you a form to fill on members' information. New members will also be officially welcomed into RC 25 through a letter specifically sent to them.

Taiwo presently lectures at Covenant University and is a member of several professional bodies like: International Reading Association (IRA), International Sociological Association (ISA): RC 25: Language and Society Research Committee; and National English Studies Association (NESA). She has served as Facilitator and Ogun State (Nigeria) Representative of the Joint British Council/NTI Continuing Professional Development Course (CPD), a Programme for English Language Teachers (ELT) in Nigeria & Africa. She is Acting Head, Department of Languages, from 2008/2009 session.

Mails will be sent at appropriate times to inform you about developments as they unfold. Meanwhile, please, contact me if you have questions.

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Treasurer's Column

It has been a pleasure to serve as Treasurer of RC25, Language & Society for the past two years. I joined the Board the same year I took a position as Assistant Professor of Sociology at McMaster University in Canada, and it has been gratifying to share my research interests with such a globally diverse and vibrant membership. My research focuses on the discourses and cultural practices involved in the politics of family transformation and their relation to social inequality. I have recently completed a book on what is known as “marriage promotion” in the United States, a movement that successfully instituted policies and laws based on rhetoric to justify promoting marriage as a way to “lift” poor women out of poverty (*One Marriage Under God: Inequality and the Promotion of Marriage in America*, New York University Press, forthcoming 2011). My current project is a comparative examination of the language and framing of debates over polygamy in Canada, France, and the United States. It is being funded by a Canadian Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council grant.

During the two years I have been Treasurer, I have witnessed substantial growth of the section under the leadership of Co-Presidents Sandi Michele de Oliveira and Celine-Marie Pascale. Our membership has doubled, and we have instituted mechanisms for nurturing social networks, such as the two receptions at the 2008 ISA Forum in Barcelona, and the 2010 ISA Congress in Gothenburg. My goals for the next four years will be to further support building social-network opportunities for members to share their research interests, and to ensure that we have the funds available to support these opportunities. I believe that receptions at the forums and congresses are a very good use of membership funds, and that it is important to make these events affordable for all. I am also excited by new opportunities for members to share interests and opportunities through our website, our newsletter, and the forthcoming ejournal, which our Newsletter Editor, Federico Farini, has been working very hard to launch. All of these are a great way for members to get involved.



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Finally, I want to express my gratitude to Sandi Michele de Oliveira for her hard work and support while I was treasurer these past two years. I am excited to continue to serve under the leadership of Celine-Marie Pascale, and to be involved in the next stage of making RC25 an even more vibrant and intellectually engaging section of the ISA.

Melanie Heath

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Webmaster's Column

I joined the RC 25 two years ago, when I participated in the ISA Forum in Barcelona. Only half a year after my MA graduation, this was the first international conference at which I presented my research. It was a very positive experience and I greatly appreciated the welcoming atmosphere of the RC 25 and the many inspiring talks and discussions.

Shortly after the ISA Forum I was asked by the board to set up a new website for our RC. Up to that point, online information about the RC 25 was provided on the personal university account of the webmaster, which meant that the Internet address would change whenever there was a change in webmaster. In order to provide more stability, we decided to set up an Internet address that was independent of the webmaster. The new site was launched at the beginning of 2009 at www.language-and-society.org



archipelago off coast Gothenburg

The website needs to fulfil two main aims. On the one hand, it should provide information about the RC 25 to members who are new to our organisation and to interested researchers who might become new members. The information that is given in the “About” section of the website is intended to serve this purpose. On the other hand, existing members should be able to access relevant, up-to-date information about the RC 25 and its activities: conferences in which the RC participates, its newsletters, and the forthcoming journal.

In addition, the website should also support the exchange of information among its members and help foster collaborations. A few changes are currently ongoing on the website which aim at improving this aspect. There is a new section “Literature”, for which we would like to invite your contributions. In this way we intend to establish a list of literature on the topic of language and society that is recommended by our members. Please send your recommendations to: webadmin@language-and-society.org

The second ongoing change affects the members’ area. This is a restricted part of the website, which is only accessible with a password that is distributed to RC 25 members. So far the only information in the members’ area was the link to the current issue of the newsletter. In the future, we would like to use this space to publish research areas and contact information of our members. This information will be password protected and not publicly accessible. The aim is to facilitate collaboration among our members through making this information available. You will receive further information, including the necessary password, within the next few months.

I am looking forward to an exciting term on the RC 25 board, which will bring a new journal, two conferences and countless opportunities for an inspiring exchange of ideas.

Daniela Landert, University of Zurich, Switzerland

Webmaster

Chair of the RC25 Awards' Column

First, I would like to thank the RC 25 executive board for the invitation to chair the RC 25 Awards Committee. It is an honor for me and I accept it with pleasure.

Newly arrived in the RC 25 during the last World Congress of Sociology, I met a stimulating and open environment to enter more deeply into language issues. In December 2010, I will defend a Ph. D. thesis in Economics about skin color/race categorization processes in Brazil, after a double graduation in Sociology and Developing Economics. After a two-year position of teaching assistant in Economics at the University of Paris-Est Créteil (France), I am currently full-time researcher at CEPS/INSTEAD (Centre d'Etudes de Populations, de Pauvreté et de Politiques Socio-Economiques/International Network for Studies in Technology, Environment, Alternatives, Development) in Luxembourg where I participate in a research project dealing with cultural practices in Luxembourg, which include, to some extent, multilingualism.

I am looking forward to developing the awards process in consultation with the executive board. It is in development but some elements are already defined like their number: one will be for graduate students and another one will be for scholars.

Feel free to contact me in French, English, German, Portuguese, Spanish or (I hope soon) in Luxembourgish. I am looking forward to meeting all of you.

Stéphanie Cassilde

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Solicitation of applications for the position of Assistant Editor, e-journal *Language, Discourse and Society*

The Editorial Board of RC25 seeks an Assistant Editor for its new journal *Language, Discourse & Society* to join us starting in December 2010 for a four-year term.

The Assistant Editor will be a member of the Editorial Board and his/her position will be voluntary (as are all Editorial Board positions). The Assistant Editor is in charge of the communication with authors, copy-editing and preparation of manuscripts accepted for publication. Work is intermittent and increases during the weeks leading to the publication of a new issue each June and December. The Assistant Editor will work in cooperation with the Journal Editor of *Language, Discourse & Society*.

If you are interested in being considered as a future Assistant Editor of *Language, Discourse & Society*, you can email a letter of intent and short curriculum vitae before November 15th to Federico Farini (federico.farini@unimore.it) to whom any queries about the position may be addressed.

Solicitation of applications for peer-reviewers, e-journal *Language, Discourse and Society*

Language, Discourse & Society recognizes the value and importance of the peer reviewer in the overall publication process – not only in shaping the individual manuscript, but also in shaping the credibility and reputation of a journal. *Language, Discourse & Society* is committed to the timely publication of all credible scientifically based manuscripts submitted for publication. As such, the identification and selection of reviewers who have expertise and interest in the topics appropriate to each manuscript are essential elements in ensuring a timely, productive peer review process.

As articles in English, French and Spanish may be submitted, application for potential reviewers who are able to read in French and/or Spanish are welcome. The peer-review process is also important as it is a component of evaluation process for the new RC25 Awards (cf. the description of the awards in this issue of the newsletter): for each article, reviewers will be asked to fill a short evaluation grid to facilitate nominations for RC 25 Awards. Generally, reviewers are asked to return their comments within one month.

In an effort to facilitate the selection of appropriate peer reviewers for *Language, Discourse & Society*, the Editorial Board is soliciting applications of potential reviewers, allowing us to create a list of scholars in the many areas of interest and expertise covered by the journal. If you would be interested in being considered as a reviewer for *Language, Discourse & Society*, you can email your application, in which you state your area of interest and your language expertise to Federico Farini federico.farini@unimore.it

Call for articles for e-journal *Language, Discourse and Society*

Language, Discourse, & Society is a new e-journal to be launched in 2011 as a professional journal for scholars in the field. *Language, Discourse & Society* accepts electronic submissions year round. Please send your papers to: journal@language-and-society.org

Guidelines for Contributors

1. Articles and Book reviews may be submitted in English, French and Spanish.
2. Contributions must be original articles, not published, nor considered simultaneously for publication in any other journal or publisher.
3. There is no standard length: 6,000–8,000 words (1000-1500 in the case of book reviews) is a useful working target but where it is justified, longer or shorter pieces can be considered.
4. Title, author or authors name, affiliations, full address (including telephone, fax number and e-mail address) and brief biographical note should be typed on a separate sheet.
5. Include an abstract of 200-300 words summarizing the findings and at most five keywords.
6. Use New Times Roman, 12 point font, 1.5 space, and page numbers.
7. Submissions should use as little formatting as possible. Do not use bold, italic or titles with capital letters.
8. Tables must be numbered (Table 1, Table 2, etc.). Number figures and photographs consecutively (Figure 1, Figure 2, etc.). Each one must include a descriptive title.
9. Minimize the number of footnotes. Do not include endnotes.
10. Minimize the length of quotations. In case of quotations, referencing in the text should appear in this format: (Brunet, 2007:15).
11. References should appear in the following format: (Brunet, 1995), (Brunet & Spener, 2008) and (Brunet et al., 2006) if the reference concern three or more names. Use letters (a, b, etc.) to differentiate publications from the same author in the same year, (Brunet, 1995a).
12. Bibliography section: all references cited in the text must be listed in this section, and vice versa. List the references in alphabetical order by authors' last names. If the same author has more than one entry list the publications in order of the year of publication. Follow this citation system:
 - **Journals:** García, I. (2000): "Language and Call Centers in Pakistan", *International Journal of Globalization & Languages* 205(3): 51-63.
 - **Book Chapters:** Brunet, I. & Smith, A. (1998): "Languages and Economic Integration", in P.P. Kholer & P.A. Jenkins (eds): *Linguistic diversity in Europe*. Madrid: Publicaciones Universitarias: 101-123.

- **Books:** Barry, A. S. (1999): *Borders and Languages*. Dallas: Dallas University Press.
 - In the case of electronic publications, include the electronic address of the references.
13. Use a recent version of Microsoft Word for submitting your article.

Peer Review Process

Language, Discourse & Society selects its articles following a double blind, peer review process. Once the Editor has checked that the contribution follows the author guidelines, it is sent to two anonymous reviewers with expertise in the contribution's field. The editor will communicate the results (rejected, accepted or accepted with modifications) of the evaluation to the corresponding author. If the article has been accepted with modifications, authors should return back a new version of the article with the modifications and/or their reasons for not doing so. The name of the referees and acknowledgement of their work will appear in the last issue of each year.

Publication Frequency

Language, Discourse & Society is published twice annually (June and December). *Language, Discourse & Society* can publish special issues about specific research themes. For these special issues, specific calls for papers will be announced. If you are interested in editing a special issue, contact the Journal Editor: journal@language-and-society.org

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Articles: Open submissions; Peer Reviewed

Monographic Issues: Open submissions; Peer Reviewed

Bibliographical reviews: Open submissions; Board Reviewed

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Conferences, Publishing opportunities, News from the members

From: Stéphanie Cassilde, Luxembourg

Object: web resource

The European Observatory for Plurilingualism

http://plurilinguisme.europe-avenir.com/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

is an official association created in 2005 in order to take into account linguistic issues in social, economic, cultural and political contexts. Its aim is to maintain the diversity of languages. The website helps to share articles, conferences, calls, news and resources related to languages. It is available in 8 languages: French, German, Spanish, English, Italian, Hungarian, Romanian and Portuguese. Institutions and individuals can become members of the European Observatory for Plurilingualism. Without being a member, it is possible to receive the newsletter and to participate to the animation of the website (transmission of information, being a local correspondent, participation to translation workshops, etc.).

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From: Celine-Marie Pascale, USA

Object: call for papers, book

Inequality & The Politics of Representation: A Global Landscape

Inequality & The Politics of Representation: A Global Landscape explores how cultures around the globe make social categories of race, class, gender and sexuality meaningful in particular ways. The book will examine power and privilege, as well as oppression and marginalization, as it illustrates how inequalities are constructed, mobilized, and challenged through language and representation. Analyses will take up the “politics of representation” — the cultural struggles over how events, processes, institutions, and people are to be understood. As such the collection will contribute insights into the production of culture, knowledge, and power.

Inequality & The Politics of Representation: A Global Landscape welcomes all styles of textual analysis and close reading. Some potential analytical frameworks include: Conversation Analysis, Critical Discourse Studies, Deconstruction, Ethnomethodology, Narrative Analysis, Poststructural Discourse Analysis, Rhetoric, Semiotics and Sociolinguistics. The collection also seeks to include analyses of a wide range of cultural data such as popular film, interpersonal conversation, newspapers, television, video games, blogs, social networking, public policies, and presidential addresses.

About the Book

Inequality & The Politics of Representation is currently under contract with Pine Forge/Sage to be published in Spring 2012. Contributors will receive one copy of the bound book and a \$50 USD book allowance with Sage.

The collection will be edited by Celine-Marie Pascale, an Associate Professor of Sociology at American University, Washington D.C. Celine-Marie is author of two books and dozens of publications in books and peer-reviewed journals. She serves as President of RC 25 Language & Society of the International Sociology Association.

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Submission Guidelines

The strongest manuscripts will present complex ideas with clear language. Please avoid jargon and define all specialized terms so that readers unfamiliar with textual analysis will be able to enjoy and appreciate the insights being offered.

All manuscripts should be submitted as Microsoft Word files, double-spaced, and between 25-30 pages in length, including references. Authors are responsible for securing permissions for all images and excerpts.

Deadline

Manuscripts are due by December 1, 2010 to celinemariepascale@gmail.com

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From: Celine-Marie Pascale, USA

Object: call for panels & papers, conference

18th Annual Lavender Languages & Linguistics Conference

The 18th Annual Lavender Languages & Linguistics Conference (February 11-13, 2011) at American University, Washington, DC, is now accepting paper and panel proposals. LLLC is a small, interdisciplinary conference that provides scholars with the opportunity for rich intellectual conversations in a non-judgmental atmosphere. The conference includes international scholars, many styles of language analysis and focuses on gender and sexuality. Conference registration is 10 USD. For more information go to: <http://www.american.edu/cas/anthropology/lavender-languages/index.cfm>

From: Abioye, Taiwo Olubunmi, Nigeria

Object: conference

27th Nigeria English Studies Association (NESA) Conference

You are all cordially invited to the 27th Nigeria English Studies Association (**NESA**) Conference, in collaboration with Department of Languages, Covenant University, Ota-Nigeria, from 2nd-5th November, 2010. Theme:

TOWARDS THE CODIFICATION OF NIGERIAN ENGLISH

**Keynote Speaker: PROFESSOR ULRIKE B. GUT,
University of Augsburg, Germany.**

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From: Newsletter Editor

Object: Conference

21st Annual Meeting of the Society for Text and Discourse in Poitiers, France, July 11-13, 2011

We are pleased to announce the 21st Annual Meeting of the Society for Text and Discourse, to be held in Poitiers, France, July 11-13, 2011. Poitiers is located about 350 km southwest of Paris. It is easily reached by high speed train from Paris' Charles de Gaulle international airport.

The meeting will be hosted by the Center for Research on Cognition and Learning at the University of Poitiers (CeRCA, <http://cerca.labo.univ-poitiers.fr/>). The program will include workshops, invited lectures, spoken and poster presentations, and thematic symposia. As organizers, we will promote interdisciplinary participation and emerging research developments in the area of text and discourse.

The meeting will take place in the recently renovated Faculty of Arts and Humanities located in downtown Poitiers and we will have accommodations available in several nearby hotels in the heart of the historical district.

Details about submission, registration and accommodation will be available in the Fall of 2010. Those interested are should see the City of Poitiers (Office du tourisme de Poitiers), the Society for Text and Discourse (<http://www.societyfortextanddiscourse.org/>) as well as the programme of the 20th meeting to be held this August in Chicago, available through the ST&D Web site.

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From: Newsletter Editor

Object: Conference

**3rd International Conference on Conversation Analysis and Clinical Encounters
12-14 July 2011 and Early Career Workshop 15-16 July 2011, University of York, UK-**

The 3rd International Conference on Conversation Analysis and Clinical Encounters is to be held at The University of York (UK), 12-14 July 2011, followed by a two-day workshop for postgraduates, post-docs and early career researchers in medical interaction/communication (15-16 July).

This meeting - organised by the Centre for Advanced Studies in Language and Communication, in association with the Department of Sociology and Health Sciences - builds on the perspectives and networks that have developed out of the previous two conferences held in Exeter (2007) and Plymouth (2009). The aim, once again, will be to bring together researchers and health care practitioners interested in Conversation Analysis and its application to interaction in clinical settings. The conference will enable participants to share recent and in-progress research findings, practical problems and solutions; to hone existing analytic skills; and to foster new national, international and practitioner-researcher collaborations. To facilitate dialogue between clinical practice and research, the third day will once again be open to a wider audience of clinicians, medical educators and other interested health care professionals/researchers.

The plenary speakers for the main conference are:

Nicky Britten (Institute of Health Service Research, Peninsula College of Medicine & Dentistry)

John Heritage (Department of Sociology, University of California at Los Angeles)

Jeffrey Robinson (Department of Communication, Portland State University)

Ian Watt (Department of Health Sciences, University of York)

In addition to the main conference, a two-day workshop is being held, to enable postgraduates, post-docs and early career researchers in medical interaction/communication to present and discuss their research, in an informal atmosphere. John Heritage and Tanya Stivers (both UCLA and particularly experienced researchers in the field of medical interaction) will be on hand to provide expert guidance and advice. It is expected that the workshop will be offered at a greatly reduced rate to those participating (numbers will be restricted to 15).

Further information about submission of papers and registration procedures will be available in September.

(from: <http://www.york.ac.uk/depts/soci/about/staffgrad.htm>)

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From: Newsletter Editor

Object: Conference

10th Conference of the International Institute for Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis University of Fribourg (Switzerland). July 10-14, 2011

The next conference of the International Institute for Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis (IEMCA) will be held at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland), July 10-14, 2011.

The conference aims to promote the study of practical action and social interaction and to provide an international forum for researchers working within the domains of Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis.

Four plenary lectures will be given by:

Christian Heath (Kings College London)

Doug Maynard (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Wes Sharrock (University of Manchester)

Marja-Leena Sorjonen (University of Helsinki)

(from: <http://www.iemca-conference.org/>)

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From: Newsletter Editor

Object: Conference

10th Conference of the European Sociological Association. Genève, 7th-10th September 2011

We look forward to welcoming you to Geneva for the 10th Conference of the European Sociological Association. The conference will be held from the 7th-10th September 2011. The European Sociological Association invites scholars from around the globe to come together in Geneva to debate the theme 'social relations in turbulent times', a theme that obviously includes the most pressing sociological questions of the day.

Economic and social crisis in these turbulent times challenges both our sociological skills and our imagination. Since its beginnings as a scientific discipline, sociology has sought answers to the social questions that arise in different historical contexts. In turbulent times like those we are living in, when social inequalities tend to deepen and social cohesion is threatened, research agendas are frequently redefined and theories must be adapted to cope with new ideas and new social realities.

Sociological gatherings like conferences serve to challenge our conceptual resources and our capacity to understand and explain these social trends.

Abstract submission will be open on Monday, 10th January 2011 and will be closed on Sunday, 25th February 2011.

(from: <http://www.esa10thconference.com/index.php>)

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From: Daniela Landert, Switzerland

Object: Conference

International Conference *Language as a Social and Cultural Practice: Advances in Linguistics*. 8-10 June 2011, University of Basel, Switzerland

This conference will be a platform for the presentation and discussion of research on the theme of the conference title in connection with the three foci listed below. At the same time, the conference marks the completion of a three-year doctoral programme by the same name, run jointly by the universities of Basel, Berne and Zurich and funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation.

All papers presented should make reference to one of the following thematic foci:

- 1) **Communication in the new media:** slightly older forms of communication (such as e-mail, chats) as well as the newer Web 2.0 forms of communication (social networking sites, picture sharing) are in the spotlight here. Particular interest is placed on issues pertaining to the tension between private and public spheres in this context.
- 2) **Multilingualism and migration:** papers are welcome on different forms of multilingualism at home as well as in the workplace, with particular interest placed on the aspects of language maintenance and language shift in such environments.
- 3) **Formulaic Language:** emergence, characteristics, function and change of formulaic language in a broad sense (including such phenomena as collocations, constructions, discourse patterns, etc.) are central to this topical area.

Plenary lectures will be presented by:

David Crystal (University of Wales, Bangor)

Aneta Pavlenko (Temple University)

Alison Wray (Cardiff University)

Georges Lüdi / Bruno Moretti / Iwar Werlen (Universities of Basel / Bern)

Christa Dürscheid / Andreas H. Jucker (University of Zurich)

Heike Behrens / Annelies Häcki Buhofer / Angelika Linke (Univ. of Basel / Zurich)

Abstracts are invited for presentations and posters dealing with the conference theme and one of the above conference foci. Presentations will be of 20 minutes duration, plus 5 minutes for questions; posters will be presented at specially designated poster sessions and should be no larger than size A0. Presentations and posters can be in any of the four conference languages: English, German, French, Italian (no translation/interpretation service is planned).

Abstracts of maximally 300 words, plus references, should be submitted by **5 January 2011** via the conference website (<http://sskp.unibas.ch>). All abstracts are reviewed by our scientific committee and decisions communicated in February 2011. Early registration discount ends 15 March 2011.

Further information on the conference is available from the conference website: <http://sskp.unibas.ch/> Please direct any additional queries to Andreas Buerki (sskp-franz@unibas.ch).

Organising committee: Christina Müller (University of Zurich), Linda Pfefferli (University of Basel), Natascha Frey (University of Berne), Andreas Bürki (University of Basel). contact: sskp-franz@unibas.ch

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Minutes of the RC25 business meeting held in Gothenburg

RC25 Language & Society

Friday 16 July, 17:45 - 19:45

at the Artisten Theater 1

Gothenburg, Sweden

The board members present were: Celine-Marie Pascale, Daniela Landert, Federico Farini, and Melanie Heath. Approximately 15 RC25 members also attended.

Acknowledgements:

The President of RC25, Celine-Marie Pascale, called the meeting to order, and began by acknowledging the outgoing board members: Sandi Michele de Oliveira, Roland Terborg, Paramasivam Muthusamy, Jenny Perry, Isabella Paoletti, Ilkka Arminen, and welcoming new board members: Daniela Landert; Melanie Heath; Taiwo Abioye; Federico Farini; Celine-Marie Pascale.

The first item of discussion was a donation for Sandi Michele's father in his name from the board of \$100 USD. The board voted anonymously to send a donation to Doctor's Without Borders.

Vice-President's appointment

Next was a discussion of the need to appoint a new Vice-President to replace the former Vice-President, Ilkka Arminen, who resigned. Celine-Marie and Melanie had discussed the proper procedure for appointing a new Vice-President with Robert von Grieken and Ann Denis, both officers of the ISA. They had been counselled that, under both the ISA & RC bylaws, the President has the power to appoint a new Vice-President and that the RC should make the appointment for a 4 year period—as opposed to an interim appointment. As a consequence, Celine-Marie invited Amado Alarcon to serve as vice-president. Amado accepted. Celine-Marie also consulted von Greiken and Denis regarding board members serving on staggered terms. They recommended that all board members serve on the same cycle.

Position of Treasurer

Celine-Marie asked Melanie Heath to continue to act as treasurer for the next four years, even though she was elected in 2008 to move the next election for treasurer to be on the same cycle as the rest of the board members. There was unanimous support for Melanie to continue as treasurer until 2014.

Communication for developing agenda

The next item discussed was the best way for board members to communicate over the next few years to develop an agenda. Celine-Marie asked if the board would be more comfortable with email or a Wiki. The board agreed to take this up after the board meeting.

Reports from the Executive Board

The first report came from Federico on the newsletter. He proposed moving the newsletter to the RC25 website—and publishing it as a pdf file rather than the current HTML format. The full board agreed.

Federico acknowledged the need to separate a newsletter from the e-journal. Discussion of the e-journal included editorial board issues, ISSN, content, and name. Marta Soler, a member in attendance has experience establishing e-journals and offered to help Federico.

There was general agreement that an e-journal would be a good addition for RC25. Celine-Marie proposed that the articles in the ISA languages (French, Spanish & English) as well as Russian be included.

The board agreed that Federico would discontinue the website of members' publications and the RC website would solicit and publish a list of recommended readings suggested by members in its place. Daniela discussed the need to move older issues of the

newsletter to the new website. The board agreed and Federico offered to speak with Isabella about this.

The board discussed the concept of a newsletter at length and agreed to take responsibility for procuring news, announcements, interviews, essays, lists of new publications by members, and regular columns. The columns might include one from board president, one for graduate students—and perhaps also a rotating column from board members. The details of content were not voted upon.

In wrapping up the discussion of the e-journal and newsletter, the board members agreed that more discussion of the details will be necessary and Federico agreed to oversee both the e-journal and the newsletter.

Daniela next reported on the website. She presented the current website that she created. The main functions are to give information to potential or new members and to provide up-to-date information for current members. She would like to make the website more useful to members, adding information that so far has been missed by members. Celine-Marie asked whether it is possible to put a list of members' research areas and contact information as a locked members-only section, and a discussion ensued of what information should be restricted.

There was general agreement that it is better to give access to non-members to as much information as possible, as this might affect their desire to join the RC25. The board agreed to make the newsletter and all issues of the e-journal available to the public.

Daniela will work in collaboration with Federico to establish both publications on the RC website as well as to establish a site restricted for members that might include blogs, contact information, and current research. Celine-Marie acknowledged Daniela for creating the website even before she was a board member.

Melanie reported on the finances. RC25 is in a good financial position. Before the conference, there was a total of \$7,247.61 CD in our account. Sandi Michele was paid 125 Euros for reimbursement of copies of the RC25 flier made for Barcelona. Daniela was given a \$500 conference grant for her volunteer work as a non-board member in creating the RC25 website. RC25 spent about \$2,311 for its reception at Bitter Bar. The balance left in RC25's account is roughly \$4,237 (this is not exact as Melanie paid for the reception on her credit card, so there will be bank charges that will need to be added). The board of RC25 had earlier voted to institute awards: \$125 for best-published article and \$125 for best graduate student paper.

Melanie discussed the best way to institute the reception every two years so that RC25 can continue to make a substantial subsidy. To do this, she suggested asking members to pay a bit more for the reception than they did for the current one (Members paid a minimal 25SEK), and perhaps instituting the ISA's system for A,B,C, countries and a discount for graduate students, etc., to ensure that members can afford to attend. There was discussion of the difficulties of collecting money in this fashion, and whether it was really necessary to collect more money for the reception or whether RC25 might be able to afford to subsidize the reception every two years. This topic was left open for further discussion by the board.

The board also discussed the importance of e-vites for the reception. Melanie agreed that as treasurer it made sense for her to partner with a local scholar to organize future receptions. The board unanimously agreed.

Finally, Celine-Marie read Taiwo's report on membership. Taiwo proposed that she first verify all contact information, update our mailing list and collect information regarding areas of specialization/expertise for each member. Taiwo also proposed that members be invited to contribute news about grants, research projects and conferences that members might be able to participate in.

The board fully supported these suggestions and discussed the importance of collecting members' research interests for the journal and website. Celine-Marie proposed that a welcome letter be sent from the secretary to new members. The board unanimously agreed. Daniela proposed including information concerning new members in the newsletter. The board agreed.

Awards

The next item on the agenda was awards for best-published paper and best graduate student paper. The board discussed whether it wanted to move forward with this idea. Stéphanie Cassilde, an RC member in attendance, suggested using the peer-reviewed journal articles from the e-journal as entries for the awards. This would require the use of a standardized form that evaluated the articles under review for the journal. The idea was met with enthusiasm; the details of this still need to be worked out by the board. The board also discussed how to establish a structure for the awards that would draw from the membership. The committee members would need linguistic diversity and would need to be familiar with standards of academic publishing in other countries.

By-laws

The next item was the by-laws, which were revised and approved in 2009. Celine-Marie asked whether the by-laws needed to be amended or revised. She provided copies of the bylaws and asked the board to examine them for future discussion.

Celine-Marie passed out a booklet to all board members on ISA goals for the RCs. RC25's business meeting was scheduled at the same time as an important meeting discussing these guidelines. Because a representative from RC25 was unable to attend this meeting, Celine-Marie asked that board members read these documents carefully. She also distributed the ISA financial statement. All documents were also shared with the membership who attended (however only one extra copy was available).

Newsletter

The next item on the agenda was the newsletter. The board agreed that Federico would take leadership on the newsletter and that the full board would support him by providing content. Corinne Kirchner, an RC25 member, offered to help with the newsletter and

suggested making use of local editors to collect and/or write news. This idea was noted for future discussion.

Comments from the Floor

Members contributed throughout the discussion, volunteering helpful ideas and suggestions to the board agenda items.

Paulo Gago and others in attendance expressed concern that some of the RC25 panels did not really focus on language, they only incorporated interview data. This was discussed as a serious problem and suggestions were proposed to address it (See World Congress).

Svetlana Harnisch expressed concern that RC25 had grown too quickly. Celine-Marie discussed the need to develop internal structures to support growth and the differences between sociological and linguistic approaches to studying language.

A few members in attendance also expressed frustration that there was a gap between papers and abstracts. Presenters did not adhere to the topic they proposed. This also opened to discussion about potential solutions.

World Forum 2010; World Congress 2014

The final discussion of the meeting was on the upcoming World Forum and the next World Congress. Celine-Marie stated the ISA guidelines for RC panels: 1) they should have regional diversity; 2) there should be time left for discussion after presentations. For future meetings, Celine-Marie proposed that RC25 develop a call for applications to serve as session organizers. By making the position of session organizer based on the ideas submitted by members our panels will better include and reflect our membership. Celine-Marie also proposed creating a document that lists the standards for a panel. The board agreed with both proposals.

In terms of the program: 1) The board agreed that we would have a call for organizers and that the proposed panels would be evaluated according to the theme of the conference and the needs of RC25. Board members need to discuss further whether to form a committee to review panel proposals (and whether this should be a rotating committee). 2) RC25 needs a system to put all sessions into the program and to ensure that all sessions have the maximum number of presenters. 3) There needs to be an identifiable leader to contact regarding the program. Melanie volunteered to draft an initial call for panel organizers.

Finally, board members agreed that the discussion of the ISA World Forum and Congress would continue online.

The meeting was adjourned.