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Invitation to participate

BAAL/Cambridge University Press Applied Linguistics Seminar Programme 2009

## Key Themes in Intercultural Communication Pedagogy

Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Place: Humanities Research Institute, University of Sheffield, UK.

### Keynote Speakers:

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Prof Mike Byram, University of Durham  
Professor Helen Spencer-Oatey, University of Warwick

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### Seminar Objectives

To bring together researchers working in the field of intercultural communication pedagogy, particularly- but not exclusively- in higher education, so as to develop a dialogue around the following kinds of question:

- What contribution can a discourse approach make to the learning/teaching of intercultural communication?
- How far is intercultural communication necessarily interdisciplinary in nature? And what are the implications for teaching/learning?
- How can intercultural communication pedagogy address the mismatch between textbook accounts of intercultural encounters and the reality of such encounters?
- Within SLA, how easily does an intercultural approach sit with syllabi whose main focus is on language learning?

The discussion will help identify research issues in intercultural communication and SLA and thus lay a basis for future projects.

## Participation

Cost: £65 includes refreshments and lunch on both days. Please note the fee does not include the seminar dinner (approx £20) which will be at participants' own expense.

We will offer 4 concessionary places at £30 each. These are for postgraduate students and/or low waged applicants. (Please apply in writing to Jane Woodin – see details below)

Seminar papers: These will last 40 minutes (20 minutes plus 20 minutes discussion). Papers will be written and circulated before the seminar for participants to read. Presenters will talk to and discuss the papers but not read out the papers in their entirety.

All participants, whether presenting or not, are encouraged, but not required, to have BAAL membership.

### Deadlines (Extended):

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009 Payment of fees and submission of papers for circulation

## Draft Timetable

### Day 1: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

10.30	Arrival and registration
11.00	Welcome and Introduction
11.15	<b>Keynote speaker 1:</b> <b>Helen Spencer-Oatey</b> : Developing 'Global People': Insights from International Partnerships
12.15	Plenary discussion of key issues arising
12.45	Lunch
1.40	<b>Tony Young</b> Intercultural Communicative Competence and the teaching of English: Exploring teachers' beliefs and practices
2.20	<b>Richard Fay</b> Developing IC courses in a vacuum: Some emergent pedagogical issues
3.00	<b>Jane Woodin</b> Native/ intercultural speaker: Evidence from tandem learner conversations
3.40	Refreshment/informal discussion
4.00	<b>Sonia Galluci</b> What does it mean to be prepared for the Year Abroad? And who can really benefit from this experience?
4.40	Small group discussion of key themes/issues
5.10	Plenary round up of key themes/issues emerging from the day.
7.00	Group Dinner

### Day 2: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

09.00	<b>Keynote speaker 2 Prof. Mike Byram</b> Intercultural Communication as Training and Education
10.00	Plenary discussion of key issues arising
10.15	<b>Peter Sercombe</b> Intercultural communication pedagogy: out of the pan and into or out of the fire?
10.55	Refreshment/informal discussion
11.10	<b>Celia Thompson</b> Exploring a dialogic approach to intercultural communication pedagogy
11.50	<b>Adam Brandt</b> : Culture in interaction: What micro-analysis of real life interactions can contribute to the study of intercultural communication.
12.30	<b>Carmen Lucas</b> : Some pedagogy tools for early communication in a foreign language (3 – 5 years old)
1.10	Lunch
2.00	Small group discussions: identify themes and issues arising. Identification of future research areas.
3.00	Feedback from group activities
3.30	Round Table + Discussion
4.00	Close & Refreshments

### Co-ordinators

Ms Jane Woodin (School of Modern Languages and Linguistics)

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