

### *Invitation to participate*

## **BAAL-Routledge Applied Linguistics Workshop 2014:**

### **Language learning in contexts of cultural diversity**

**Friday, 31st October 2014, 10.00-17.30**

***Centre for Language, Discourse and Communication (King's College London)***

Modern languages in schools (i.e. the classroom teaching of foreign languages as a school subject) is a highly contested arena and ripe for research investigating different participants' voices and competing agendas. The main focus of the workshop will be on comparing theoretical and methodological innovations in different cultural contexts of formal (institutional) language learning (we understand 'cultural' to mean across different social groups which could be ethnic, linguistic, socio-economic). By investigating what different languages mean across the cultural borders that characterise the lives of learners, the researchers at the workshop will consider ways of probing how engagement in different languages is shaped by top-down and bottom-up perceptions. One important aim of this workshop therefore is to compare research into how individual learners engage differently with languages and the policy and practical implications of these differential investments.

We would like to invite both early career researchers and established scholars working within a related paradigm to join us in a small, convivial setting. Participation will be limited to 25 places. We especially welcome colleagues working across disciplinary boundaries. The papers presented will encourage comparison with your work and there will be slots for discussion as well as opportunities for future networking. Thanks to generous support from BAAL and Routledge this event is free and lunch and an evening meal will be offered. There may also be some assistance with the cost of train travel within UK. If you have any queries or would like to reserve your place, please contact [simon.coffey@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:simon.coffey@kcl.ac.uk).

- 10.00 **Arrival. Coffee.**
- 10.20 **Welcome** from Simon Coffey and a BAAL representative.
- 10.40 **Simon Coffey** (KCL) *Investigating differences in take-up of modern languages across the independent and maintained sectors.*
- 11.20 **David Block** (Universitat de Lleida) *Social class in language learning and teaching research.*
- 12.00 **Katya Saville** (IoE) *"Bilingual education for everyone?" Unpicking discourses of 'inclusion' in bilingual free school campaigns in England.*
- 12.40 **Discussion groups:** Share your personal research. How / does it resonate with the work presented?
- 13.10 **Lunch**
- 14.00 **Ben Rampton** (KCL), **Constadina Charalambous** and **Panayiota Charalambous** (European University of Cyprus) *MFL teaching and learning in conflict-troubled contexts.*
- 14.40 **Aparecida de Jesus Ferreira** (UEPG – State University of Ponta Grossa, Brazil) *Social identities of race in autobiographical narratives of language teachers.*
- 15.20 **Tea / coffee**
- 15.40 **Florentina Taylor** (York) *Not all choice is created equal: Language learning between societal and personal relevance.*
- 16.20 **Discussion groups:** What common threads have emerged throughout the day? Ways to take this research agenda forward? Opportunities for collaboration: future meetings? Groups feed back.
- 17.30 **End**
- 19.00 **Dinner**