

1. NEWS.


The results of the Research Assessment Exercise have identified the majority of research in the School of Linguistics to be of an internationally recognised standard, with some evidence of both international excellence and national recognition. The research environment was found to be supportive of internationally excellent research activity, with strong evidence of collaborative research. The School was particularly praised for its extraordinary research income, notably the ESRC-funded Bilingualism Research Centre. There was substantial evidence of internationally recognised esteem, and some indicators of international excellence and world-leading quality.

		Percentage of research activity in the submission judged to meet the standard for:				
		4*	3*	2*	1*	U/C
Overall quality profile		5.0	30.0	40.0	20.0	5.0
Sub-profiles:	Research outputs	0.0	22.7	45.5	22.7	9.1
	Research environment	30.0	40.0	27.0	3.0	0.0
	Esteem indicators	10.0	30.0	60.0	0.0	0.0


New Journal --- Language & Cognition --- Special offer for 2009

The first volume of the new journal LANGUAGE AND COGNITION appears this year. As a special offer the entire first volume (two issues) is offered as a downloadable e-file free of charge, and is available to all. To take advantage register to receive your free copy now! Full details of how to register can be found on the journal website: www.languageandcognition.net

The building of the ESRC Centre for Research on Bilingualism was refurbished and was officially opened on 11 December 2008. It houses 3 full time members of staff from the School of Linguistics (**Margaret Deuchar**, **Ineke Mennen** and **Panos Athanasopoulos**) and a number of PhD students and post-doctoral researchers working on all aspects of bilingualism.



Vyv Evans submitted final versions of 3 books in January to the respective publishers, all of which are now in production and will be published in 2009. One was a monograph, and two were edited volumes. Details, with web links, are below:

1. 'How words mean' is a monograph by Vyv Evans to be published by Oxford University Press in September 2009. Drawing on recent findings in cognitive linguistics and cognitive psychology it develops a new theoretical architecture for dealing with lexical representation and compositional semantics. The book will appear simultaneously in paper and in hardback. For further details follow the link: <http://www.vyvevans.net/#HOW>

2. 'New Directions in Cognitive Linguistics' is a volume edited by Vyv Evans and **Stephanie Pourcel** to be published by John Benjamins. The book will appear in July 2009. For further details follow the link: <http://www.vyvevans.net/#NDCL>

3. 'Language, Cognition and Space' is a volume edited by Vyv Evans and Paul Chilton, to be published by Equinox Publishing Co. The book will appear in September 2009. For further details follow the link: <http://www.vyvevans.net/#EVANSCHILTON>

Panos Athanasopoulos has been invited to give a talk at the University of the West of England (04/03/2009).

Jakob Leimgruber has become an Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

2. NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Athanasopoulos, P. (2008). Universal and language-specific patterns of categorisation. *Glossa*, 4, 51-72.

Athanasopoulos, P. (2009). Cognitive representation of colour in bilinguals: The case of Greek Blues. *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*, 12, 83-95.

Deuchar, M. & **Davies**, P. (2009). Code switching and the future of Welsh. *International Journal of the Sociology of Language*, 195, 15-38.

Williams, E. (2009). Language attitudes and identity in a North Wales town: "Something different about Caernarfon"? *International Journal of the Sociology of Language*, 195.

3. NEW GRANTS.

February 2009-January 2010

"An investigation into the acquisitional process of rhythm: comparing monolingual children to bilingual adults". Development Fund, £5000. PI: Ordin M. and **Mennen I.**

February 2009-January 2010

"Pitching it differently: L2 pitch range and its contribution to foreign accent." Development Fund, £5000. PI: **Mennen, I.**, 01/02/09 – 31/01/2010.

4. CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/ATTENDANCES.

Aldridge, M. & **Luchjenbroers**, J. (December 2008). Reasoning with Conceptual Frames and Mental Spaces in legal contexts dealing with child rape, 3rd *Cognitive Linguistics Conference*, Leiden, The Netherlands.

5. DIARY.

LINGUISTICS CIRCLE SEMINARS

(Wednesdays 2pm in Linguistics Seminar room)

11 February **Prof John Local**, University of York
'Trying again': retrieving topic initiations in conversation

25 February **Jakob Leimgruber**, Bangor University
title t.b.c.

ESRC CENTRE FOR RESEARCH ON BILINGUALISM SEMINARS

(Mondays 4pm in the Centre's Multi-resource Room)

2 February **Prof Eddie Williams**, Bangor University
Home-school language switching in poor countries: a cause for concern?

9 February **Dr Paul Iverson**, University College London
Title TBA

16 February **Jan-Rouke Kuipers**, Bangor University
The development of semantic associations in the monolingual and bilingual infant brain: an ERP study

23 February **Dr Carmen Silva-Corvolan**, University of Southern California
Title TBA

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND COGNITION SEMINARS

(Thursdays 4pm in Brigantia 342)

19 February **Dr Marketa Caravolas**, Bangor University
Early literacy development in a transparent orthography: Contrasts with a model from English

"The formation of different languages and of distinct species, and the proofs that both have been developed through a gradual process, are curiously the same"

- Charles Darwin