

1. NEWS.
Munsell Book of Colour

The School of Linguistics and English Language is the proud possessor of the Munsell Book of Colour-Glossy Edition. This is an invaluable tool for researchers working in the area of colour perception in relation to language and thought and cross-cultural cognition. The following are excerpts from http://www.xrite.com/top_munsell.aspx


Munsell: The Universal Language of Color

"Everyone perceives color differently. But there are ways to ensure that everyone sees the color you want them to see. The Munsell Color Order System is an accepted method, worldwide, for precise color specification. The Glossy Collection is the "master atlas" of Munsell Color. It contains over 1,600 removable high-gloss color samples on 40 constant-hue pages."

For more information, or to arrange a demonstration, you are very welcome to contact **Panos Athanasopoulos** at panos@bangor.ac.uk

The 1st International Conference on 'Models of Interaction in Bilinguals', organised by the **ESRC Centre for Research on Bilingualism** between 24-26 October brought together world-renown scholars of bilingualism, and gave the opportunity to staff and students to attend high quality presentations of cutting edge research on topics ranging from bilingual education and code-switching, to psycholinguistic and neurolinguistic approaches to bilingualism.



Margaret Deuchar has continued to direct the ESRC Centre for Research on Bilingualism (www.bilingualism.bangor.ac.uk), now in the second year of its five-year programme, and to head the corpus-based research group of the Centre. In June she was appointed as external member of a committee reviewing the Research Centre for English and Applied Linguistics, Cambridge University. She has recently been invited to give a talk at the Centre for Language Science, Penn State University, USA (19/11/08).

Ineke Mennen has been invited to present a key-note address at the International Conference "Education, Linguistics and Psychology: Traditions and Innovations". The conference will be held on November 17-18, 2008 at Moscow Institute of Economics and Linguistics (MELI). She will be staying there until the 21st of November to discuss future research collaborations.

2. NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Bury, D. (2008). Review of Andrew Carnie, /Constituent Structure/ (OUP, 2008). *Journal of Linguistics*, 44 (3), 752-757.

Mennen, I., Schaeffler, F., Watt, N., & Miller, N. (2008). An autosegmental-metrical investigation of intonation in people with Parkinson's Disease. *Asia-Pacific Journal of Speech Language and Hearing*, 11 (4). 205-219.

Scharff –Rethfeldt, W., Miller, N. & **Mennen, I.** (2008). Unterschiede in der mittlere Sprechtonhöhe bei Deutsch / Englisch bilingualen Sprechern (Speaking Fundamental Frequency Differences in Highly Proficient Bilinguals of German / English). *Sprache Stimme Gehör*, 32: 123 – 128.

3. NEW GRANTS.

September 2008:

Research network grant for a series of workshops on the theme "One brain, two languages: bridging neuroscience and linguistics". AHRC, £25,195. PI: **Margaret Deuchar** and Guillaume Thierry.

4. CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/ATTENDANCES.

Athanasopoulos, P. (October 2008). Electric Blues: How bilinguals see the world. Invited presentation at the ESRC Centre for Research on Bilingualism, Bangor University, Bangor, Wales.

Athanasopoulos, P. (October 2008). The language and thought debate: Insights from bilingualism. Invited presentation at the Centre for Research on Bilingualism, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden.

Athanasopoulos, P. (October 2008). Bilingual colour concepts: The case of Japanese blues. Poster presented at the *1st International Conference on Models of Interaction in Bilinguals*. ESRC Centre for Research on Bilingualism, Bangor University, Bangor, Wales.

Deuchar, M. (July 2008). Welsh as a test case for two models of contact-induced language shift. Invited keynote address to the *Workshop on interdisciplinary approaches to transfer, crosslinguistic influence and contact-induced change*, UWE, Bristol, UK.

Deuchar, M. (September 2008). Criteria for identifying 'best fit' between data and competing theories of bilingual communication. Invited keynote address to the *Ghent Workshop on Bilingualism*, Ghent, Belgium.

Deuchar, M. (October 2008). Evaluating competing models of code-switching: overcoming incommensurability. Invited keynote address to the *1st International Conference on Models of Interaction in Bilinguals*. ESRC Centre for Research on Bilingualism, Bangor University, Bangor, Wales.

Karlsson, F. (October 2008). Development of phonological contrasts beyond adult perceptual boundaries: Evidence from false negatives. Invited presentation at the Language Development and Cognition Colloquium, Bangor University, Bangor, Wales.

5. DIARY.

- 6-9 November 2008** **NWAV 37**, New Ways of Analysing Variation, Houston, Texas, USA.
- 7-9 November 2008** **International Conference on Endangered Language Documentation and Tradition** (with a special interest in the Kalasha of the Hindu Kush Valleys, Himalayas). Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece.

LINGUISTICS CIRCLE SEMINARS

(Wednesdays 2pm in Linguistics Seminar room)

- 5 November** **Dr Leticia Pablos**, University of Reading
The role of agreement in the licensing of NPI constructions in Spanish and Basque
- 19 November** **Dr Sebastian Hoffmann**, Lancaster University
Corpus linguistics and the Internet
- 3 December** **Dr Patrick Honeybone**, University of Edinburgh
Butties from the chippy outside Sevvie: Templatic phonology in Liverpool English

ESRC CENTRE FOR RESEARCH ON BILINGUALISM SEMINARS

- 3 November** **Prof Jeff Bowers**, Bristol University
Preserved implicit knowledge of a forgotten childhood language
This Seminar will take place in room 342, Brigantia at 4pm
- 10 November** **Dr Anwei Feng**, Bangor University
Culture, Identity and Aims for Bilingual Education
This Seminar will take place in room 230, Brigantia at 4pm
- 17 November** **Gwerfyl Roberts**, Bangor University
Impact assessment of a government scheme to support inter-generational language maintenance

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND COGNITION SEMINARS

(Thursdays 4pm in Brigantia 342)

- 13 November** **Laura Dominguez**, University of Southampton
Effects of input change at the L1 stable state: The case of individual first language attrition
- 19 November** **Mutsumi Imai**, Keio University
Title TBA
- 27 November** **Manon Jones**, University of Edinburgh
Elucidating the component processes involved in dyslexic and non-dyslexic reading fluency: Evidence from eye-tracking

"Learn a new language and get a new soul" -Czech proverb