

1. NEWS.

A new multidisciplinary journal of language and cognitive science: '**Language & Cognition**', is to be launched in 2009, published by Mouton de Gruyter. Subscription is achieved by becoming a member of the UK-Cognitive Linguistics Association. Membership is free for 2009. Full details on the journal, and how to subscribe are available from the journal website: www.languageandcognition.net



The ESRC Centre for Research on Bilingualism holds its International Conference entitled 'Models of Interaction in Bilinguals' in October 2008. It will bring together researchers and highly acclaimed scholars in bilingualism from all over the world. <http://bilingualism.bangor.ac.uk/conference/>

Panos Athanasopoulos has been invited to present papers at the ESRC Centre for Research on Bilingualism, Bangor University (06/10/08), and at the Centre for Research on Bilingualism, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden (16/10/08).

June Luchjenbroers has been invited to give guest lectures on Cognitive Linguistics & Forensic Linguistics. Master's program, Univ. Madrid, Spain. www.ucm.es/info/fing1.master (Easter 2009).

In August, **Vyv Evans** and **Stephanie Pourcel** ran a large international conference on **Language, Communication & Cognition** at Brighton. The event, which lasted for 4 days, played host to around 400 delegates from all over the world and was sponsored by the UK Cognitive Linguistics Association and the British Academy. The conference website is: <http://www.languageandcognition.net/lcc/>

2. NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Aldridge, M. & **Luchjenbroers**, J. (2008). Vulnerable witnesses and problems of portrayal: Why children's testimonies 'in their own words' are not in their best interests. *Journal of English Linguistics*, 36, Special Issue.

Athanasopoulos, P. & Kasai, C. (2008). Language and thought in bilinguals: The case of grammatical number and nonverbal classification preferences. *Applied Psycholinguistics*, 29 (1), 105-123.

Chen, A. & **Mennen**, I. (2008). Encoding interrogativity intonationally in a second language. *Proceedings of the Fourth Conference on Speech Prosody*. University of Campinas.

Czigler, P.E., **Karlsson**, F., Poussa, P. & Sullivan, K.P.H. (2008). Language learning through fuzzy ears. *Journal of Research in Teacher Education*, Faculty for Teacher Education, Umeå University.

Leimgruber, J. (2008). Discourse particles and the Singaporean diglossia. *Proceedings of the 16th International Postgraduate Linguistics Conference*. Manchester: School of Languages, Linguistics and Cultures.

Luchjenbroers, J. & Aldridge, M. (Eds). (2008). *Journal of English Linguistics*, 36. Special Issue: Language and vulnerable witnesses across legal contexts.

Luchjenbroers, J. & Aldridge, M. (2008). Editors' Note. *Journal of English Linguistics*, 36 Special Issue: The Language of vulnerable witnesses across legal contexts.

Mennen, I., Schaeffler, F. & Docherty, G. (2008). A methodological study into the linguistic dimensions of pitch range differences between German and English. *Proceedings of the Fourth Conference on Speech Prosody*. University of Campinas.

3. NEW GRANTS.

October 2008-January 2009

"A systematic investigation of Welsh colour terms and their semantic extension on colour space." **Research Development Grant**, ESRC Centre for Research on Bilingualism, £3100. PI: **Panos Athanasopoulos**. Mentor: Guillaume Thierry.

June 2008-December 2009

"The ups and downs of learner intonation: a cross-language and longitudinal investigation of the intonation systems of L2 learners." **ESRC**, £95747. PI: **Ineke Mennen**.

October 2007-October 2008

"Dissociation of segments and intonation in the production of second language speech." **British Academy**, £ 7,457. PI: Christiane Ulbrich and **Ineke Mennen**.

September 2006-October 2008

"Cross-language differences in pitch range." **ESRC**, £97257. PI: **Ineke Mennen** and G.J. Docherty.

4. CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/ATTENDANCES.

Athanasopoulos, P. (September 2008). Multiprocessing in the Multicompetent Mind. Presented at Multicompetence Day, European Second Language Association Conference, Aix-en-Provence, France.

Karlsson, F. (August 2008). "Aspiration or breathy voice? – Speech development beyond adult perceptual boundaries". XI International Congress for the Study of Child Language, Edinburgh, UK.

Luchjenbroers, J. & Aldridge, M. (August 2008). A cognitive linguistic consideration of a forensic linguistics issue: Children, as vulnerable witnesses, need guidance. LCC [Language, Communication & Cognition] conf, U. Brighton.

Mennen, I., Schaeffler, F. & Docherty, G. (September 2008). Cross-linguistic implementation of pitch range and its perceptual consequences: the example of English and German. Paper presented at the 3rd Conference on Tone and Intonation (TIE3), University of Lisbon.

5. NEW STAFF.

New Professor in Linguistics: Vyvyan Evans.

Vyvyan Evans is newly appointed as Professor of Linguistics at Bangor University. He previously held appointments at the University of Brighton and the University of Sussex. He received his doctorate in 2000 from Georgetown University. His research relates to lexical and compositional semantics, figurative language and thought, and conceptual structure. He is a specialist in cognitive linguistics and is President of the UK Cognitive Linguistics Association. His published books include, *A Glossary of Cognitive Linguistics* (2007); with Melanie Green, *Cognitive Linguistics: An Introduction* (2006); *The Structure of Time* (2004); with Andrea Tyler, *The Semantics of English Prepositions* (2003). He also has a forthcoming monograph *How words mean*, to be published September 2009 by Oxford University Press.

New lecturer in Linguistics: Stéphanie Pourcel.

Stéphanie is a linguist interested in using language as a window onto human nature - behaviour and thought. Her interests are essentially interdisciplinary and tap into anthropology and psychology. Her research has so far focused on the linguistic relativity question, also known as the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis, which asks whether the language we speak shapes the ways in which we conceptualise the world. She has experimented on hundreds of French and English speakers...and, in her own words "I still don't have a conclusive answer!" Before coming to Bangor, Stéphanie taught at Durham, Sussex, Chicago, and Brighton, and she studied at Reims, Leicester and Durham.

New lecturer in Sociolinguistics: Jakob Leimgruber.

Jakob has recently submitted his D.Phil in English Language at the University of Oxford, and is awaiting his viva. His thesis topic was the sociolinguistic variation in Singapore English, and the ways in which this variation is best modelled. His research interests include World Englishes, variationist sociolinguistics, and contact linguistics. He is now teaching the first-year modules 'Language and the World' and 'English in Society' (with Pamela MacDonald), as well as supervising finalist dissertations in sociolinguistics.

New Research Officer: Fredrik Karlsson.

Fredrik is working as a research officer (1 year, part time, 65%) in the ESRC funded project "The ups and downs of learner intonation: a cross-language and longitudinal investigation of the intonation systems of L2 learners" awarded to Prof. Ineke Mennen. Fredrik came from Umeå University in Sweden, where he worked as a part-time lecturer and part-time research engineer and in charge of the phonetics lab administration and support. His previous research interests have been mainly in acoustic aspects of speech development in children and in development of an awareness of phonological contrast. He's done some less extensive work in the acoustic phonetics of Sámi (where he is currently waiting to receive final word on a grant proposal) and also the impact of decreased hearing ability on language learning.

New Lab Assistant in Bilingualism: Ela Cernyw.

Ela graduated with a 1st Class Honours Degree from Psychology at Bangor, and is joining the research team of Dr Panos Athanasopoulos and Professor Guillaume Thierry (Psychology) to work on the project "A systematic investigation of Welsh colour terms and their semantic extension on colour space".

6. DIARY.

- 8-11 October 2008** **ISLE 1**, The first triennial conference of the International Society for the Linguistics of English, Freiburg, Germany.
- 24-26 October 2008** **International Conference on Models of Interaction in Bilinguals.** *ESRC Centre for Research on Bilingualism in Theory and Practice*, Bangor, Wales
- 6-9 November 2008** **NWAV 37**, New Ways of Analysing Variation, Houston, Texas, USA.

LINGUISTICS CIRCLE SEMINARS

(Wednesdays 2pm in Linguistics Seminar room unless otherwise stated)

- 8 October** **Prof Eva Schultze-Berndt**, University of Manchester
Event classification and event decomposition
- 20 October (Mon 4.00pm)** **Prof Janet Holmes**, Victoria University of Wellington
Women, men and leadership: constructing complex identities through talk at work
- 22 October** **Dr Eva Rodriguez-Gonzalez**, Miami University, Ohio
Influence of phonological similarity in the Spanish morphological verb system

ESRC CENTRE FOR RESEARCH ON BILINGUALISM SEMINARS

- 6 October 2008** **Dr Panos Athanasopoulos**, Bangor University
Electric Blues: How Bilinguals see the world
This Seminar will take place in room 230, Brigantia at 4pm
- 13 October 2008** **Dr Sharon Unsworth**, Utrecht University
Child L2 vs. Adult L2: Acquiring grammatical gender in Dutch
This Seminar will take place in room 342, Brigantia at 4pm

"However eloquently he may bark, a dog cannot tell you that his parents were honest though poor" -Bertrand Russell