

Linguistic Ethnography Forum
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CONVENOR'S REPORT
to
BAAL Executive Committee
July 2010- July 2011

1. Highlights

2010-11 has been another successful year for UKLEF, with six well-attended events organized by a range of different UKLEF members across the UK; membership rising to more than 400 members worldwide, and the further development of new ways to reach out to members within and outside the BAAL and LEF communities through e-seminars and social networking media (we now have 80 twitter followers).

2. Organisation

During 2010-11, the committee has been:

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Convenor	Dr Jeff Bezemer	j.bezemer@imperial.ac.uk	2009-11
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Ordinary Member	Dr Sara Shaw	sara.shaw@nuffieldtrust.org.uk	2009-11
Co-opted Member	Dr Julia Snell	julia.snell@kcl.ac.uk	2010-2011

3. Membership

Our email list (ling-ethnog@jiscmail.ac.uk) is counted as our membership. Membership now stands at 418, with 225 UK based members, 61 US and Canada based members and 30 more countries represented, mainly from mainland Europe, but also from Asia and Africa. All members have given their consent for their contact details and research interests to be published on our website, www.uklef.net. We hope that making this information publicly available will help bringing LE researchers together and foster debate. Since May 2011 membership is coordinated by Sara Shaw.

4. Website and Social Networking

The UKLEF website provides up-to-date information about upcoming and past events, some background information about linguistic ethnography and the

forum, and working papers presented at past UKLEF events. All reports from the coordinating committee and minutes from the AGM can also be found on the site. Since 2010 the website is hosted externally, and the new URL is www.uklef.net. Visitors of the old URL, www.ling-ethnog.org.uk, will automatically be redirected to the new address. Since 2010 the Communications Secretary also maintains a UKLEF twitter account (<http://twitter.com/uklef>), providing relevant information to the UKLEF community and beyond. It is now followed by 80 (!) tweeters, most of whom are not UKLEF members. Its feeds can also be found on the UKLEF homepage.

5. Finance

As of 15/08/2011, our balance stands at £1750

6. Meetings

Business Meeting

The Coordinating Committee held a business meeting on 23 March 2011 to discuss current affairs and plan future events.

AGM Meeting

UKLEF held its annual AGM meeting at the Explorations in Ethnography, Language and Communication Conference, Aston University, 11 September 2010. Minutes are available on the website, www.uklef.net.

Academic Meetings

- ***Ethnographies of Academic Writing in a Global Context: The Politics of Style***, a seminar at the Open University, 16 July 2010 (organizer: Theresa Lillis).
- ***Linguistic Ethnography Track*** at the 2010 BAAL Annual Meeting in Aberdeen on 10 Sept 2010, with contributions from Urszula Clark, Esther Asprey & Brian Dalkin; Ya-ling Chang; Stephen Pihlaja; Jane Freeland (Chair: David Barton).
- ***Explorations in Ethnography, Language & Communication***, 2-day conference with keynotes from Charles Briggs and Carey Jewitt, 20 papers, and data sessions with Ben Rampton, Sara Collins, Angela Creese and Frances Rock. Aston University, 23-24 September 2010 (organizers: Fiona Copland, Sara Shaw, Julia Snell)
- ***Institutionally Regimented Responses to Superdiverse Sociolinguistic Realities***, seminar at Birkbeck College, 11 November 2010, with contributions from Celia Roberts; Massimiliano Spotti & Jan Blommaert; Adrian Blackledge & Angela Creese; Joana Duarte & Ingrid Gogolin; Xuan Wang; Jonathan Smith (organizers: Massimiliano Spotti & Li Wei).

- ***Paths to Postnationalism: Theory and Method in the Study of Social Change.*** E-seminar with Monica Heller, 4-27 May 2011. In partnership with the MOSAIC Centre for Multilingualism. (organizers: Jeff Bezemer, Marilyn Martin Jones and Deirdre Martin). A verbatim transcript of the discussion is available on our website, www.uklef.net.
- ***Youth, Interaction and Learning: Understanding Education in the Contemporary World.*** Seminar in partnership with the Centre for Language, Discourse and Communication. With contributions from Stanton Wortham; Luisa Martín-Rojo; Jürgen Jaspers; Beatriz Macias Gomez-Estern; Miguel Pérez-Milans. (organizer: Ben Rampton).

Upcoming Meetings

- ***Using Linguistic Ethnography to Study Health Care.*** Colloquium at BAAL Annual Meeting, 1 September 2011. With contributions from Sara Shaw, Deborah Swinglehurst, Jamie Murdoch and Jeff Bezemer. Discussant: Rick Iedema. Chair: Celia Roberts.
- ***SIG Track at BAAL Annual Meeting,*** 3 September 2011. With contributions from Patrick Carlin; Kathrin Kaufhold; Polly Mercer; Deivis Pothin; Hania Salter-Dvorak. Chair: Fiona Copland.
- ***Ethnography, Language and Communication Research Training,*** 21 September 2011. One-day training event. In association with the Centre for Language, Discourse and Communication. Led by Julia Snell and Adam Lefstein.
- ***The Sociolinguistics of Writing in a Global Context: Resources, Centres, Peripheries.*** 30 September 2011. With contributions from Jan Blommaert and others. Organizers: Theresa Lillis and Carolyn McKinney.
- ***Explorations in Ethnography, Language and Communication,*** 2-day conference, 13-14 September 2012. The 2012 edition of the conference will be held at the University of Copenhagen. Organizers: Lian Malai Madsen and others.

To help local organizers plan UKLEF events we have published a set of guidelines on the UKLEF website. The guidelines include a link to the BAAL SIG Events Budget Form.

6. Thanks

We are extremely grateful to the local organizers of UKLEF events. As ever, our identity as a BAAL Special Interest Group continues to be of considerable value, and we would like to thank the BAAL Executive for its ongoing support.

Jeff Bezemer (Convenor), 15 August 2011