MULTILINGUAL CHALLENGES:

MEDIATING IMAGES, LANGUAGES AND LANGUAGE PEDAGOGY

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PROGRAMME

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Thursday, 21 March

09.30-9.45 Symposium opening address by University of Reading Pro-vice chancellor for research Parveen Yaqoob

09.45-10.00 Welcome address by the Director of CeLM (the Centre of Literacy and Multilingualism) of the University of Reading, Ludovica Serratrice

INTRODUCING THE CONCEPT OF MEDIATION

10.00-10.45 Mediation as negotiation of socially situated meanings within and across languages by Bessie Dendrinos

10.45-11.15 Mediation and plurilingual competence: synergies and implications. Video presentation by Enrica Piccardo

11.15-11.45 Coffee break

MEDIATION / TRANSLATION OF CULTURE AND SOCIETY: Chair Max Spotti

11.45-12.30 Transnationalizing modern languages and the question of mediation, by Charles Burdett

12.30-13.00 Mediation as an art and visual art as mediation by Chris Biddlecombe & Guðrún Gísladóttir

13.00-13.30 The ECML call for projects: video presentation

13.30-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.15 Multilingualism and multiliteracy in primary schools in India by Ianthi Tsimli

15.15-16.15 Presentation of work in progress and projects
  o MEITS (Multilingualism: Empowering Individuals, Transforming Societies) – Education strand, and Creative Multilingualism – Education Strand, presented by Linda Fisher
  o The work of EDiLiC (Éducation et Diversité Linguistique et Culturelle) by Andrea Young
  o The role of risk-taking in learning and using languages – presented by Nikolay Slavkov

16.15-17.00 Discussion: towards an ECSPM language education policy proposal

17.00 – 19.00 General Assembly, Part 1

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Friday, 22 March

MEDIATION, TRANSLANGUAGING AND LANGUAGE EDUCATION PEDAGOGIES

Session 1: Jeanine Treffers-Daller

09.30-10.15 Translanguaging as mediation in and beyond the classroom: Presentation and discussion by Angela Creese

10.15-11.00 Plurilingualism and mediation within and beyond the classroom: Perceptions and pedagogies by Terry Lamb

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

Session 2: Theo Marinis

11.30-12.15 Cross language mediation and translanguaging pedagogies in refugee settings by Tony Capstick

12.15-13.00 Language research and mediation in schooling for refugees by George Androulakis

13.00-13.45 Questions regarding mediation practices in language teaching and testing by Robert Williams

13.45-14.45 Lunch

Session 3: Tanja Rinker

14.45-15.30 The role of training for metalinguistic awareness as mediation in multilingual learning contexts by Ulrike Jessner

15.30-16.15 A tool within the tool of language: metaphor’s role in the understanding and shaping of language learner and language teacher beliefs by Linda Fisher

16.15 -17.00 School registration forms and language background profiling: modern day mediation tools between parents and educational institutions by Nikolay Slavkov

17.00-18.00 Discussion: towards a mediation project proposal

18.00 – 20.00 General Assembly, Part 2
Speakers & Session chairs

ANDROULAKIS, George
Professor of Language Didactics and Director of the Centre for Greek and Multilingualism, University of Thessaly, GR.

BIDDLECOMBE, Chris
Artist, creative project manager, researcher, cultural collaborator and educator - Co-chair of EARights, member of the executive board of the Scottish Artists Union (SAU)

BURDITT, Charles
Professor of Italian, School of Modern Languages and Cultures, University of Durham, UK. Principal investigator in the AHRC project entitled 'Transnationalizing Modern Languages: Mobility, Identity and Translation in Modern Italian Cultures'.

CAPSTICK, Tony
Lecturer in TESOL and Applied Linguistics, University of Reading, UK, involved with teacher education, multilingualism and migration.

CREESE, Angela
Professor at the University of Stirling, UK, and principal investigator in the research project 'Translation and translanguaging: Investigating linguistic and cultural transformations in superdiverse cities'.

DENDRINOS, Bessie
President of ECSPM, Professor Emerita and director of the Research Centre for Language Teaching, Testing and Assessment (RCeL) of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, GR

FISHER, Linda
Reader in Languages Education, University of Cambridge, UK, Education Strand Lead, the MEITS project and co-Investigator, Education strand of Creative Multilingualism.

GÍSLADÓTTIR, Guðrún
General Secretary of ECSPM, co-chair of EARights, photographer and translator (Nordic languages and English).

JESSNER, Ulrike
Professor of Applied Linguistics, Institute of English Studies, University of Innsbruck, AT. Arthur Haidl Prize 2015 for excellent scientific theory and research in the field of multilingualism.

LAMB, Terry
Member of the ExCom of ECSPM, Professor of Languages and Interdisciplinary Pedagogy, University of Westminster, London, UK, Vice-President of FiPLV (Fédération Internationale des Professeurs de Langues Vivantes).

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RINKER, Tanja
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SPOTTI, Massimiliano (Max)
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