



## **FIESOLE Group Symposium 2017 at the London School of Economics**

*ELF and World Englishes in academia: challenges and multiple perspectives of (i) institutions, (ii) early career academics, and (iii) language professionals.*

In 2017 the FIESOLE Group is returning on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March to the LSE, where the 1<sup>st</sup> Symposium was held in 2012, for its 5<sup>th</sup> Symposium – a meeting of FIESOLE Group members and academics from local universities and institutions to discuss its ongoing mission of promoting doctoral and post-doctoral mobility in Europe and beyond.

This year's Symposium will be dedicated to the discussion of the following questions:

- How do we increase ELF and World Englishes in our training practices?
- How can we raise respect / maintain respect for multilingualism in an English-medium setting?
- How do we prepare early-career scholars to adapt to different expectations of English-medium instruction as they move from one context to another?
- What stances, as trainers / researchers, are we taking / should we be taking to ELF?

### **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

#### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

9.30 – 10.00: Coffee

10.00-10.30: Welcome and opening remarks

- Professor Paul Kelly (Pro-Director for Teaching and Learning at LSE)
- Dr Neil McLean (Director, LSE Academic and Professional Development Division)
- Dr Nicky Owtram (Head of Language Unit at European University Institute, Florence and FIESOLE Group Coordinator)

10.30-11.15: Keynote talk and questions

- Speaker: Dr Heath Rose (Associate Professor of Applied Linguistics, Department of Education, University of Oxford)
- Introduction and Moderation: Dr Sarah O'Brien (Assistant Professor of Applied Linguistics and Director of Centre for English Language Learning and Teaching, Trinity College Dublin)

11.15-11.45: Coffee

#### 11.45-12.45: THEME ONE: Institutions

What are the challenges of 'internationalisation' and English as a Medium of Instruction (EMI) for institutions?

- Introduction by panel chair: Dr Joyce Kling (Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for Internationalisation and Parallel Language Use, University of Copenhagen)
- Panel with institutional representatives from Anglo- and continental spheres:
  - Professor Mireia Trenchs (Professor of English Philology and Vice Rector for Teaching and Learning at Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona)
  - Professor Laurie Anderson (Professor of English, University of Siena)
  - Dr Claire Gordon (Head of the Teaching and Learning Centre at LSE)

#### 12.45-14.00: Lunch

#### 14.00-15.00: THEME TWO: Early Career Academics: Expectations and experiences

What were the experiences for early career academics of English-medium instruction as they move from one context to another?

- Introduction by panel chair: Angela O'Neill (Director of Communications, Languages and Publications College of Europe, Bruges)
- Panel of Max Weber alumni
  - Ayça Çubuçu, Assistant Professor in Human Rights in the Department of Sociology and the Centre for the Study of Human Rights, LSE
  - Kristin Surak, Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in Japanese Politics, SOAS
  - Luc-André Brunet, Lecturer in Twentieth Century European History, OU

#### 15.15-15.45: Coffee

#### 15.45-16.45: THEME THREE: THE ROLE OF LANGUAGE PROFESSIONALS IN SUPPORTING POST DOCS & ECAs

How do we prepare early-career scholars to adapt to different expectations of English-medium instruction as they move from one context to another?

- Introduction by panel chair: David Bowskill (Lecturer in English for Academic and Legal Purposes, Humboldt University Berlin)
- Panel of language professionals from FIESOLE Group institutions
  - Dr Nicky Owtram (EUI)
  - Alison Standring (Deputy Director, LSE Language Centre)
  - Dr Libor Štěpánek (Assistant Professor and Director of Language Centre at Masaryk University, Brno)

Symposium dinner: Thai: <http://thiwanya.co.uk/> (participants pay for themselves)

## **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Workshops for language professionals (coffee and refreshments in rooms)

9:00 – 9:30 Introduction and overview of day

9:45 -10:45 Workshops

- (1) Writing: Dr Nicky Owtram (EUI)
- (2) Speaking: Professor Laurie Anderson (Siena) & Alison Standring (LSE)
- (3) Digital: Dr Myrrh Domingo (UCL Institute of Education)

11.00-12.00 Workshops

- (1) Feedback: Dr Libor Štěpánek (Masaryk)
- (2) Intercultural issues: Professor Mireia Trenchs (Pompeu Fabra)
- (3) Teaching: Dr Chris Hank (Lecturer in English for Academic Purposes, Humboldt University Berlin)

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13.00-14:00: Feedback from all groups; Pulling the strands together and farewells: David Bowskill (HU Berlin)

15.00: Guided tour of LSE LIFE with Dr Claudine Provencher (Head of LSE Life)

Post-Symposium supper: City Spice (participants pay for themselves)