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 13th and 14th March to the LSE, where the 1st Symposium was held in 2012, for its 5th 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 13th 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 Çubuçku, 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/](http://thiwanya.co.uk/) (participants pay for themselves)
**Tuesday 14\textsuperscript{th} 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)