



RESEARCHING MULTILINGUALLY
(AHRC-funded project)

The recently-awarded AHRC "*Researching Multilingually*" project seeks to create a research network through which to develop a better understanding of the complexities and opportunities when researching multilingually. This under-investigated theme has been a concern of ours for some time. Thus, the AHRC project builds upon our exploratory seminar in Durham in 2010 and a colloquium of papers on this theme presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the British Association of Applied Linguists (BAAL).

We are now inviting researchers with experience of multilingual research design and practice (in whatever disciplinary context and with whatever combination of languages) to join this network in order to share insights into how researchers working multilingually theorise and operationalise their research design. We are interested in all aspects of the multilingual research process, including the use of literatures, design of data collection and generation instruments, management of data sets, data analysis and interpretation processes and outcomes, and presentation (oral and written) of the study with all the representational issues this involves. We are also interested in how research contexts (e.g., examined doctoral studies, funded research projects, community research involving local authorities and charities, etc.) might inform researchers' decisions and practices about the potential multilingual dimensions of their work.

The sharing of such insights will take place through three 2-day seminars in 2012 (one at Durham University, one at The University of Manchester, and one at The University of West England, Bristol). We are anticipating that some contributions might be case studies of particular practices of a study undertaken multilingually; others might focus on the issues that arise in particular research contexts; and others might present possible ways of theorising/operationalising the researching multilingually theme.

Therefore, we are inviting researchers interested in participating in one of these seminars to submit a 500-word abstract for a 30-minute contribution (with 20 minutes afterwards for questions and discussion with about 10 other presenters, and other interested and invited researchers and academics). For those researchers whose abstracts are accepted, reasonable travel, accommodation and subsistence costs will be met by the project.

Send your abstract by **31st January 2012** in the body of an email to mail@researchingmultilingually.com. Please indicate your preferred venue: Durham University: 28th-29th March, 2012; The University of West England: 25th-26th April, 2012; or The University of Manchester: 22nd-23rd May, 2012. Notification of acceptance of abstracts will be by mid-February, 2012.

For participants, an outcome of the seminars will be the opportunity to submit an article on the "researching multilingually" aspects of their work for publication in a journal special issue or as a book chapter (both edited by the research team).

For further details on the project please see the website: <http://researchingmultilingually.com>

If you have any further questions on development of an abstract for one of the seminars, please email the project co-ordinators at: mail@researchingmultilingually.com

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