

Workshop on Language Contact in Immigrant Contexts

Thursday 9 May 2013, 1.30 – 4:30

Venue: Room MR3, Queen's building, Streatham Campus
University of Exeter

The immigration context is an ideal setting for the study of language contact phenomena involving naturalistically acquired L2 and the formation of new language varieties of both the language of the host country and the immigrant languages. Due to its abrupt and unstable nature, the immigration context can provide us with an ideal locus to observe the initial stages of language change, otherwise unobservable in other contact situations in which only the final stages of language change are available

This workshop gathers together specialists in language contact in different immigrant contexts. The workshop will close with a round table discussion with all speakers, addressing the following issues: i) To what extent language contact in immigrant contexts may inform the general processes of contact-induced change?, ii) What can linguistic innovations observed in the immigrant context tell us about the initial stages of contact-induced change which has already taken place in new varieties?, and iii) In what ways do reshaped patterns of multilingualism, language use and choice in the immigrant context contribute to contact-induced change?

Students and colleagues are all most welcome

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Programme

1:30 - Welcome to the workshop and introduction

1:45 - 'Immigrant adolescents' acquisition of variation in Edinburgh English: an investigation of (ing), (t) and quotatives'
Dr Erik Schleeff, University of Manchester

2:15 - 'Somali and English at the onset of borrowing'
Dr Jeanette Sakel, University of the West of England

2:45 - Tea and coffee

3:00 - 'Innovative uses of SE constructions in the Portuguese of the East Timorese immigrant community in Portugal'
Dr Susana Afonso and Dr Francesco Goglia, University of Exeter

3:30 - 'Language and identity negotiations: a focus on Brazilian Portuguese in London'
Dr Ana Souza, Institute of Education, University of London

4:00 - Round table chaired by Dr Francesco Goglia, University of Exeter

4:30 - End of the workshop

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