

15 1306 NEW SPEAKERS IN A MULTILINGUAL EUROPE: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES



OPEN EVENT

31st JANUARY 2017
at UCLan Cyprus

New Speakers in a Multilingual Europe: A Transdisciplinary View from Cyprus

INVITED SPEAKERS:

Bernadette O'Rourke (Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, UK)

Joan Pujolar Cos (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Spain)

Fofi Constantinidou (University of Cyprus, Center for Applied Neuroscience)

Elena Ioannidou (University of Cyprus)

Yiasemina Karagiorgi and Alexandra Petridou (Centre for Educational Research and Evaluation, Pedagogical Institute, Cyprus)

Martha Neokleous (European Commission Representation in Cyprus, Directorate-General for Translation Field Office in Nicosia)

PROGRAMME:

8:30 Registration

9:15 Welcome note by Rector of UCLan, Cyprus - Dr Melinda Tan

9:30 Bernadette O'Rourke (Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, UK) *and* **Joan Pujolar Cos** (Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Spain)
"New Speakers in a Multilingual Europe-Opportunities and Challenges"

09:50 Fofi Constantinidou (University of Cyprus, Center for Applied Neuroscience)
"The effects of language and culture on verbal and non-verbal cognitive performance"

10:15 Yiasemina Karagiorgi and Alexandra Petridou (Centre for Educational Research and Evaluation, Pedagogical Institute, Cyprus)
"Constructing a Validity Argument: The Case of the Greek Language Test 'Milas Ellinika I' in Cyprus Schools"

10:40 Coffee Break

11:10 Elena Ioannidou (University of Cyprus)
"Performing 'languaging': multilingual practices among youth and young children in Cyprus"

11:35 Martha Neokleous (European Commission Representation in Cyprus, Directorate-General for Translation Field Office in Nicosia)
"The case of Cyprus: a multilingual contradiction"

12:00 Round table-Discussion

12:45 Award ceremony of the essay competition:
"Being able to speak more than one language has invaluable potentials. How can children's multilingualism be promoted?"

13:00 Lunch break