



Celebrate the International Year of Languages: Travel round the world in a day!

Sunday 28 September 2008, 10am-5pm

University of Canberra

DRAFT PROGRAM

NOTE: To locate venues and parking areas visit: <http://www.canberra.edu.au/university/maps>

10am-10.30	Introduction to the day: Main stage in refectory, Building 1*						
	Building 2*				Building 1*		Building 5
	Lecture theatre 2B11	Seminar room 2B2	Seminar room 2B3	Seminar room 2B4	Refectory	Coffee shop	
10.30-11.30		Practical ideas to help develop young children's language skills		The Languages of Mexico	Stalls and displays	Videos/ DVDs on language learning and bilingual education	
11.30-12.30		Raising children in more than one language	Exploring Japanese writing	Exploring Cyrillic script	Performance s on main stage		Using the Smart board
12.30-1.30		Introduction to Indonesian	Garay Guwaala - Speaking Gamilaraay	Introduction to Mandarin Chinese	Food will be available outside in the concourse		Making a podcast
1.30-2pm	Official opening (main stage in refectory)						
2-3pm	Plans and policies for languages in the ACT	Introduction to Korean	Greek from Kindergarten to adults	Languages as a career asset			
3.15pm-4.15pm	Language champions	Languages of Venezuela (in Spanish)	Weekend Chinese school workshop	Introduction to Arabic			

***Please enter from the Hub side (the red H on the map) opposite building 8 (The Library)**

DETAILS OF WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSIONS

10.30AM-11.30AM

Practical ideas to help develop young children's language skills **2B2**

(Felicite Dawson and Leeza Cottingham, Preschool ESL Teachers).

Felicite and Leeza will be sharing practical ideas, strategies and games that they use and promote teachers to use with children in the early years of learning English. These games and ideas can be adapted for out of the classroom application in any language. This workshop will be a fun, hands on look at ways to engage young children with lots of opportunity to look at materials, ask questions and discuss ideas.

11.30AM-12.30PM

Raising Children in more than one language **2B2**

A chance to meet other parents trying to raise their children in more than one language. The discussion will be led by a panel of four parents and children who will share their experiences and views on the benefits of knowing more than one language. Come along and hear some success stories and exchange practical advice

Using the smart board to learn Italian **Building 5**

(Grazia Scotellaro, UC Lecturer in Information Technology and Education; LOTE)

Learning Italian is fun with the Smart Board. This workshop will give you a chance to test/learn your Italian skills and discover what a Smartboard can do. By the end of this workshop you will have learned a few more things about Italy and Italian and "played" with an Interactive board. This workshop is particularly suitable for children. **(Note: this workshop is limited to 25 participants. Registration in Building 1 on the day of the workshop is essential)**

Learning about the Cyrillic script **2B4**

(The Bulgarian-Australian Association "Rodina" and the Russian Orthodox Church School)

The Cyrillic letters were created in the 9th century to cover the Slavonic tongue. Now they are used by more than 320 million people in Europe and Asia. The literacy rate in the 22 countries using the script is above 93%. Participants will be shown how to write several words selected because they are the same in several languages which use the Cyrillic script.

Exploring Japanese writing **2B3**

(Yuko Kinoshita, UC lecturer and Takako Tamayo)

Have you ever been intrigued by the Japanese writing system? Japanese uses three main types of scripts: kanji (□□), and two phonetic scripts called hiragana (ひらがな) and katakana (カタカナ). In this workshop, you will learn how this intricate writing system came about, and also have hands-on Japanese calligraphy experience with an award-winning calligrapher. Come along, it will stretch your idea of written expressions!

12.30PM-1.30PM

Making a podcast in your own language **Building 5**

(Grazia Scotellaro, UC)

This is your opportunity to learn what a podcast is and how to "star" in your very own. If you have never used a Mac, you are curious to learn about podcasts and are a budding "radio star" this is your chance. At the end of the workshop you will have a CD with your podcast to share with your friends and family. **(Note: this workshop is limited to 18 people. Registration in Building 1 on the day of the workshop essential)**

12.30PM-1.30PM continued

Garay Guwaala 'Speaking Gamilaraay'

2B3

(John Giacon, ANU; Auntie Maureen Sulter and Suellyn Tighe from Coonabarabran)

Gamilaraay is the language of a large area in northern NSW. The language declined from the time of invasion, so that in recent years speakers knew only words. Gamilaraay is being revived on the basis of this knowledge, but more from historical written and tape records. The workshop will introduce greetings and other basic Gamilaraay.

Introduction to Mandarin Chinese

2B4

(Felicia Zhang, UC lecturer)

In this workshop, the language teaching approach known as the "Somatically Enhanced Approach (SEA)" to language learning (Zhang, 2006) is demonstrated. This approach trains students' perceptual mechanisms to enable them to have better pronunciation in an L2. In SEA, the L2 language is imprinted onto the body through a number of steps such as humming while walking in a circle, clapping to the rhythm of the language, and using body movement and gestures. Participants in this session will be using the procedures of SEA to learn a few sentences of Mandarin so that they can physically experience the power of SEA.

2PM-3PM

Plans and policies for languages in the ACT

2B11

The discussion will be led by a panel consisting of Mr John Hargreaves (Labor), Mr Zed Seselja (Liberal), Marilyn Dennis (Democrats), and a Greens candidate. They will discuss their party's language policies and plans for the term of the next ACT Legislative Assembly.

Introduction to Korean language and writing

2B2

(Eunjung Jee, Korean Inter-Married Women's Association)

People will be introduced to Korean writing, its structure, and a few basic phrases. There will be a brief exploration of why Koreans ask certain questions all the time when speaking English.

Languages as a Career Asset

2B4

(Jennie Collins, Graduate Careers, UC)

This workshop will discuss the personal and professional benefits of developing skills in another language: through preserving and building on family languages and/or taking on another language. We will consider areas such as international trade, diplomacy, and cultural and educational exchange. Languages are also an asset to the education sector, and to the community and human services sector. Translators and interpreters are needed to respond to the social, health and legal needs of our multicultural population.

3.15PM-4.15PM

Language champions

2B11

A discussion of how languages can add to your life, led by:

- Professor Richard Rigby, former diplomat (ambassador to Israel, Consul-General Shanghai), now Head of China Institute at ANU
- Jennie Collins, worked for European Commission and Canadian High Commission in Canberra, now Graduate Careers Adviser UC
- Andreas Sherborne, Year 11 student who represented Australia in Beijing in July at the first International Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign High School Students
- Elaine Flynn, freelance interpreter and translator, TESOL teacher, and member of the Language Planning Consortium for the Sydney 2004 Olympic Games.

Introduction to Arabic

2B4

(Ahmed Youssef, Australian National Islamic Library, Canberra Islamic Centre, Monash)

An introduction to spoken and written Arabic by an experienced teacher of Arabic.

LANGUAGE STALLS AND DISPLAYS – UC Refectory 10am-5pm

Up to 20 weekend ethnic schools representing a wide range of languages, PLUS

ACT Bilingual Education Group
Arabic (Embassy of Kuwait)
Asia Bookroom
ANU language programs
Australian Council of State School Associations (ACSSO)
Australian Federal Police
Bulgarian (The Bulgarian-Australian Association “Rodina”)
Canberra Institute of Technology, CIT Vocational College:
 Auslan, Chinese, French, Japanese, Spanish
Dutch (Dutch and Belgium Embassies)
Ethnic Broadcasters Council Inc., operating as CMS 91.1FM
French (French Australian preschool)
German (German embassy)
Hindi (Hindi Schools of Canberra, ANU, and Hindu Temple & Cultural Centre of the ACT)
Indonesian (UC Indonesian Students in cooperation with the Embassy of Indonesia)
Italian (Dante Alighieri Society)
Korean (Korean Inter-Married Women's Association)
Languages of Mexico (Embassy of Mexico)
Languages of Venezuela (Venezuelan embassy)
Mandarin (Association for Learning Mandarin in Australia Inc)
UC language programs: Spanish, Japanese, Mandarin
Urdu (Urdu Literary Society of Canberra - Bazm-e-Adab Canberra).
Welsh (The Welsh Society of Canberra Inc)