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March 21 -24 2009
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Colloquium Organisers: Chris Candlin, Macquarie University, Australia, and Jonathan Crichton, University of South Australia.

This colloquium focuses on extending the boundaries of Applied Linguistic research by exploring how people are discursively constructed as deficient in their engagement with professions and organisations. Papers range from communication disorders to dementia care, language assessment to media and disability.

The 8th International Roundtable on Semiotics of Law (IRSL2009) is being organized by the Department of English at City University of Hong Kong in December (2-5) 2009. The theme for this year's roundtable is Transparency, Power and Control: Issues in Legal Semiotics.

The overall aim of a State is to protect the social order in which the individual liberty of the citizen is a major concern. As a consequence the State should guarantee simultaneously and paradoxically a high level of individual freedom and an order in which such freedom is made possible and guaranteed.

The 8th International Roundtables for the Semiotics of Law invites contributors to reflect on the growing importance of *Transparency, Control and Power* in our international community and how these main ideas have been examined over the years. Contributors may choose to explore semiotic, rhetorical, pragmatic, sociolinguistic, psychological, philosophical and/or visual perspectives on *Transparency, Control and Power*.

Proposals in either English or French (max 300 words) should be sent by e-mail by the **1st of May 2009** to Vijay K. Bhatia at enbhatia@cityu.edu.hk and to Anne Wagner at valwagnerfr@yahoo.com

Selected papers will be published in a special annual issue of the *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law* (<http://www.springer.com/law/journal/11196>).

Professor Chris Candlin is a plenary speaker.

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Researching Language and the Law: Intercultural Perspectives

International Conference hosted by CERLIS

University of Bergamo, Italy

18-20 June 2009

The aim of this conference is to bring together the latest research of scholars engaged in the analysis of legal discourse from an intercultural perspective. Contributions representing different analytical approaches and languages are welcome, including diachronic as well as synchronic studies.

Information on the venue, registration, hotels and social activities can be found on the conference website at

www.unibg.it/cerlis2009

**SEVENTH INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE
COMMUNICATION, MEDICINE & ETHICS
(COMET)**

Health Communication Research Centre
CARDIFF UNIVERSITY
25 - 27 JUNE 2009

The conference aims to bring together scholars from different disciplinary backgrounds involving various healthcare specialities and the human and social sciences. A special emphasis will be on the dissemination of ongoing research in discourse/communication studies and practical ethics which engages directly with healthcare practitioners.

www.cardiff.ac.uk/encap/hcrc

**XVII European Symposium on Languages for Specific Purposes -
Aarhus17-21 August, 2009**

Methods and Aims - (Re)Conceptualising LSP Research

Today, the characteristics of LSP and specialized discourse are seen as increasingly interesting not only by scholars working in the traditional fields of LSP like terminology and genre studies, but also by scholars in other fields like sociology, psychology and communication studies. The following questions are examples of possible perspectives with relevance for mapping the purposes of LSP research:

What kinds of problems do we intend to solve (inefficiency of work processes, lack of understanding in specific situations, lack of knowledge about conventions, social problems, ...)?

What discipline or disciplines are we focusing upon (law, medicine, business, engineering, ...)?

What research communities do we intend to contribute to (linguistics, sociology, communication, computer science, cognition, law, economics, applied linguistics, didactics, ...)?

What relations are there between the chosen research community and the chosen methodology? Why do we choose to use specific methods (qualitative, quantitative, interpretative, form orientation vs. content orientation, ...) in our research?

What types of knowledge are we trying to achieve (knowledge about social structures, about language, about power, about cognitive characteristics,...)?

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10th World Congress of Semiotics

September 22-26, 2009

<http://semio2009.org/semiotica/WEb-English/Index%20English.html>

This is the conference of the International Association of Semiotic Studies. It invites all scholars and researchers to undertake with rigor and critical capacity the natural field of semiotics, i.e. the field of all significant phenomena regarding communication processes. From a semiotic perspective, the main aim is to analyse and interpret all social and cultural phenomena which make up the nowadays communication society.

Deadline for proposals: 20 April 2009.