

<b>Institution: University of the West of England, Bristol</b>
<b>Unit of Assessment: 28 – Modern Languages and Linguistics</b>
<p><b>a. Overview</b></p> <p>The Unit has 6 permanent full-time members of staff grouped in the Bristol Centre for Linguistics (BCL). The International Corpus Linguistics Research Unit (ICLRU) supports BCL as a methodological and data-gathering resource for ongoing projects. BCL is currently hosting the AHRC-funded FaNUK project (2010-2014) with a professorial fellow and two full-time Research Associates (RAs) and has a full-time BA Postdoctoral Fellow (2013-2016).</p>
<p><b>b. Research strategy</b></p> <p>The BCL was established in 2007 in recognition of the success of earlier research initiatives in linguistics at UWE. The Centre's work has a sharp empirical focus using corpus-based, quantitative, fieldwork and archival methodologies, whilst focusing principally on five key areas: (1) meaning in the broadest sense: semantics, pragmatics, lexicology, etymology and historical onomastics; (2) metaphor and rhetoric; (3) language contact, bilingualism, cross-linguistic studies, variation and change; (4) second language acquisition and learner language; (5) spoken interaction, (critical) discourse analysis and (im)politeness.</p> <p>The results of RAE2008, in which 45% of BCL's outputs were rated in the 4* and 3* categories, demonstrated the growing academic rigour and quality of the research conducted in the Centre. From 2008-2012, the BCL aimed to bring together established researchers with convergent research interests, to offer mutual support and to seek potential for overlap, integration and development of those interests (a) through collaboration and (b) by attracting research students and academic visitors to a body with a clear identity; and thereby to form a viable and mutually supporting research community. The success of this strategy is demonstrated in the increase in research activity and funding which has been achieved in the last four years. The AHRC-funded FaNUK Project (details Section 1 below) has a Professorial Research Fellow and 2 full-time RAs. <b>Karatsareas</b>, working on Cypriot Greek as a heritage language in London, has joined us as a BA Postdoctoral Fellow on a 3-year project (2013-16). <b>Angouri</b> – with a particular interest in work-place discourse co-led an NHS-funded project on <i>Effective Teamwork and Leadership in Obstetric Emergencies</i> with a dedicated RA in 2010-11. The number of PhD students supervised by members of BCL has risen dramatically over the period, from one student in 2003 to 18 in 2013. These students are working in sociolinguistics, discourse analysis and applied linguistics and the annual PhD Summer School with its focus on methodological training has become a well-established and highly successful annual event. The BCL aims to promote linguistics both by developing the research culture within UWE and reaching out in collaborative endeavours with regional and international partners, both inside and outside academia, continuing a vibrant research tradition in the five previously mentioned areas.</p> <p><b>Specific forward plans</b> (related to the five key areas) include:</p> <p><b>1. Survey of English Place-Names/Family Names of the UK Project</b></p> <p><b>Coates</b>, whose research focuses on historical semantics (1) and language contact and change (3) among the five key areas, is engaged in long-term archivally-based work on the Hampshire section of the Survey of English Place-Names, and will continue to be actively involved in philological work on the place-names of the British Isles. He is Principal Investigator of the AHRC-funded Family Names of the UK (FaNUK) Project (2010-2014) which is set to create the largest ever database of the UK's family surnames (over 320,000 surnames). The project aims to complete detailed investigation of the origins, history, and geographical distribution of the 46,000 most frequent surnames in the UK by March 2014. It will subsequently be made publicly available and will be of interest to genealogists, family historians, social historians, historical linguists, and indeed anyone interested in learning more about family names. <b>Coates</b> has applied for follow-on funding for this project so that it can continue (2014-2016). His activities as a member of the Terminology and Bibliography Groups of ICOS, developing international research resources, will continue, as will work on the form and meaning of lexical elements used in insular place-names. <b>Hanks</b>, a Professorial Fellow on the Project is well-known for his ground-breaking work in lexicography and corpus linguistics while, of the two RAs on the Project, <b>Cullen</b> is also an</p>

Honorary Visiting Fellow at the University of Nottingham's Institute for Name Studies while **Probert** has been a Postdoctoral Research Fellow on the Profile of a Doomed Elite project at King's College, London.

## 2. Metaphor and Rhetoric

**Charteris-Black**'s research fits within the areas of corpus linguistics, critical discourse analysis, and critical approaches to metaphor, i.e. (1) (2) and (5) among BCL's key areas. His future research will continue both the theoretical and applied development of the approach for which he is known internationally: Critical Metaphor Analysis. There are two major strands to his future plans, one of which is outlined under Healthcare Discourse (Section 6 below). The other involves exploring gender differences in the language of male and female political leaders. Since his second and third monographs were largely concerned with male politicians, he is now developing a corpus of female politicians' language to examine its rhetorical and persuasive characteristics. He anticipates writing a research monograph comparing the metaphors used by female and male politicians and leaders. He is also developing pedagogical applications of Critical Metaphor Analysis and is currently working on the manuscript of a textbook entitled *Analysing Political Speeches: Rhetoric, Metaphor and Oratory* (under contract). His work in this area has led to a number of international invitations to give plenary lectures. He plans to continue the interdisciplinary focus of his research (linguistics, political science and sociology) by exploring the metaphors used in far right blogs and has a contract to contribute to a volume entitled *Contemporary Critical Discourse Studies*.

## 3. Procedural Meaning in Diachrony

**Beeching**'s research interests in semantics (1) and language change (3) led to her being invited to join an international network of researchers (including Degand, Leuven; Detges, Munich; Hansen, Manchester; Traugott, Stanford; Waltereit, Newcastle) working on the impact of communication on language structure. The network initially had two main objectives: to discover characteristic respective pathways of diachronic change for grammatical morphemes and pragmatic particles in European languages; and to investigate whether there are characteristic scenarios of language contact involved in semantic change in European languages. The network has now grown to include a consideration of Asian languages and a number of joint publications have emerged and are in preparation on the role that spoken interaction (5) and specifically features which occur at the left and right periphery of the utterance play in semantic change. She was a panel member for a colloquium on right-peripheral items convened by Traugott for 2013 IPRA conference in New Delhi, is co-editing a volume to be published by BRILL in 2014 and aims to pursue the procedural meaning in diachrony theme in panels at upcoming i-mean conferences (2015, 2017, 2019), and at DiPVaC conferences (2014, 2016, 2018), in a monograph which focuses on the etymology and sociolinguistics of pragmatic markers in English to be published by CUP (2015) and in journal articles and book chapters. **Beeching** will continue her work on translation equivalence and cross-linguistic phenomena (key area 3) as a means of exploring polysemy and semantic shift (key area 1). This work is exemplified in a series of articles and book chapters published in *Languages in Contrast*, the *Revue de Linguistique Appliquée Française* and in volumes edited by Aijmer and Altenberg and by Tyne et al. (both in press, 2013). She was an invited plenary speaker on the topic of French-English translation equivalence at the Association for French Language Studies (AFLS) conference held in Perpignan in June 2013 and at a Linguistics and Translation Studies conference in Nancy in October 2013.

## 4. Second language acquisition and learner language

Key area (4) was developed in the output of the UWE-led ESRC seminar series on Vocabulary acquisition, knowledge and use. The annual conference of the British Association for Applied Linguistics (BAAL), organised by **Angouri** and Treffers-Daller was held at UWE in 2011.

**Beeching** convened a second language acquisition panel at the i-mean2 conference held at UWE in 2011 and is currently engaged in co-editing, with Helen Woodfield (Bristol Graduate School of Education), a volume on variational, cross-linguistic and pedagogical aspects of sociopragmatic variability. The volume will bring together chapters by more and less experienced researchers looking at variation and its implications for language teaching. PhD students

supervised by **Sakel**, **Beeching** and **Angouri** draw on linguistic expertise to shed light on teaching practice. Current research undertaken by **Piasecki** in collaboration with colleagues in New Zealand and with Ingo Plag in Germany contributes to key area (4) from three different perspectives: language comprehension, production and retrieval. Research outputs from these studies have implications for vocabulary teaching and second language learning more generally, and findings will be presented at international conferences (VaLP2 and ISB9) and in peer-reviewed, international journal publications.

### 5. Language contact, cross-linguistic studies and bilingualism

**Sakel** is continuing her research on Mosestén by looking into the contact history of the language. She is currently putting together a grant application to the AHRC to fund a small project with a PhD student in the area of language contact and linguistic history of the Mosestenan language family (to be submitted 2013). **Sakel** is working with immigrant languages in Britain. She has conducted a range of studies on the Somali spoken in Bristol and its contact with English, looking both at Somali interference in English of first generation immigrants, as well as English interference in Somali in subsequent generations. **Sakel** is particularly interested in the questions of complexity in language contact and second language acquisition, combining her research efforts on Somali, as well as her work on the Amazonian languages Mosestén, Chimane and Pirahã and their particular contact situations. She is also collaborating with other researchers, including **Karatsareas** who recently completed his PhD at Cambridge University and who has secured the British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship to work at UWE with Sakel (2013-16). His project will investigate the linguistic and social mechanisms that favour the development of innovation and change in London's heritage languages, focusing on the interruption of heritage language acquisition, attrition and transfer from the majority language (English). **Sakel's** and **Karatsareas's** work is complemented by **Piasecki's** psycholinguistic research on lexical access and processing in bilingual speakers of varying L2 proficiency which brings insights into the construction and the development of the bilingual mind. **Piasecki** is currently establishing interdisciplinary collaborations with psychologists and linguists, including Ton Dijkstra in the Netherlands (the leading expert in bilingualism) and researchers in North America.

### 6. Healthcare discourse

**Charteris-Black** plans to continue his work on the relationship between metaphor and illness narratives; this has evolved out of a co-authored monograph, *Gender, Language and Illness Experience* and an ESRC project that combined sociological research methods with corpus-driven discourse analysis. He has written a number of articles in the area of illness experience and language and is planning to write a monograph on metaphor in illness experience.

### 7. Meaning in social interaction and (im)politeness

In April 2013, **Angouri** and **Beeching** mounted the third in a series of biennial conferences held at UWE on Meaning in Social Interaction (areas 1, 3 and 5). The 'i-mean' conferences in 2009 and 2011 featured high-profile international plenary speakers and have attracted cutting-edge panel and paper contributions. In 2013, plenary speakers included Dawn Archer, Nik Coupland, Lorenza Mondada, Ben Rampton and Ruth Wodak. The tight organisation of panels and the Round Tables at which plenary speakers are invited to exchange views with the audience on stances, methods and methodologies have been singled out by participants as being particularly valuable. I-mean is now an established biennial conference with the prospect of further conferences in 2015 and 2017. **Beeching** was invited by Kádár to contribute to a volume on Politeness-Interfaces on the topic "Semantics and Politeness" (key areas 3 and 5) and to address the Linguistic (Im)politeness and Rudeness (LIAR) conference held at the University of Illinois/Urbana-Champaign in August 2012 on the topic of politeness and semantic change. She plans to develop the theory of politeness-induced semantic change both in her CUP monograph (2015) and in future research work.

### International Corpus Linguistics Research Unit

BCL collects corpus data under the aegis of a specialised unit – the International Corpus Linguistics Research Unit **ICLRU**, led by **Beeching**. The ICLRU web-site provides a valuable resource for researchers of spoken, translation and learner language, and for language teachers and learners, and lexicographers.

### Overall strategy for the future

BCL's strategy for the future is to strengthen and extend the collaborative research work undertaken in 2008-2013, to continue to apply for research funding for specific projects but also to look outwards and engage in interdisciplinary research, which will underpin our impact outside academia. Analysing meaning, the use of metaphor, spoken interaction, language contact and bilingualism in different contexts in the wider world reveals the contribution which linguistics can make. The interactive web-site which presents the outcomes of the FaNUK project will go live in 2014, allowing members of the general public to gain information about the history of their family names. The ICLRU will continue to assemble corpora of linguistic data and make these available online. Finally, a "Language Matters" seminar series in a city-centre venue is planned from 2013 onwards to allow greater public engagement and outreach. The BCL has come of age. We look forward to future projects in collaboration with national and international partners, inside and outside academia, and to supporting post-graduate and early career researchers in developing relevant, innovative and cutting-edge research.

### c. People, including:

#### i. Staffing strategy and staff development

After the successful RAE2001 submission, and with the growing independence of linguistics at UWE, three professors in linguistics were appointed in 2006 (Charteris-Black, **Coates** and Treffers-Daller). **Beeching** was promoted to Reader in 2006, **Sakel** and **Angouri** joined the University as Senior Lecturers in 2007. This strategy led to the outstanding results of 45% 3\* and 4\* in RAE2008, placing UWE Linguistics below Cambridge but above Oxford in the RAE league tables. The job description which goes out when recruiting a new Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in English Language and Linguistics highlights as one of the 'essential' qualifications (in addition to having a PhD) that candidates must have: "Publications ... and a commitment to continued research". This allowed the appointments' panel in October 2012 to select between early or later career researchers in linguistics, and to take research interests in the Unit into account when short-listing and selecting a new member of staff. **Piasecki** took up her post in January 2013. Fixed-term Research Associates (RAs) employed on research grants, such as the Professorial Fellow and 2 RAs working on the FaNUK project (**Coates**) (2010-14) and the RA employed for the NHS funded Project (**Angouri**) (2010-11), were recruited through public advertisement. The Unit has a policy of drawing on the expertise and experience of more established researchers to support early career researchers. The University as a whole, either through the Research Business and Innovation Unit (RBI) or via the Human Resources department, runs a number of courses aimed at developing research and leadership skills. These include 'The Digital Researcher', 'Project Management' and 'Leadership in Action'. More specifically, BCL runs a regular research seminar series over the academic year with a mix of external and internal speakers. Our earlier career researchers (**Angouri** and **Sakel**) have proved to be highly energetic and pro-active with respect to mounting conferences – but have generally co-organised these along with a more experienced researcher (i-mean1, 2 and 3 in 2009, 2011, 2013, co-organised by **Angouri** and **Beeching**; BAAL 2011 co-organised by **Angouri** and Treffers-Daller; and BAAL/CUP seminar on crosslinguistic influence in L2 acquisition, language contact and speech processing, co-organised by **Sakel** and Treffers-Daller). There is an established University-wide probationary course for all new members of staff and annual performance and development reviews allow staff to discuss and develop a strategy and action plan for career progression. Staff have the opportunity to apply for Faculty-wide sabbatical research leave on the basis of a sound research proposal and these were awarded to **Angouri**, **Beeching**, **Charteris-Black** and Daller in the period from 2008-2013. **Angouri** was awarded an Early Career Researcher's Grant in 2010. The RBI has a detailed set of procedures aimed at stimulating and facilitating exchanges between academia and business, industry and public or third sector bodies. Specifically in relation to activities in linguistics, they supported **Angouri** in setting up a CPD programme with Farnham Castle, a leading Intercultural Training company in the UK. Individual members of BCL are engaged in collaborative work with the NHS (**Angouri**) and the health sector more generally (**Charteris-Black**), with educational publishers (**Beeching**), the National Archives (**Coates** – the FaNUK project) and Bristol City Council (**Angouri**, looking at intercultural communication in the city and **Sakel**, working with the Somali population in Bristol).

#### ii. Research students

18 research students have completed or are in the process of completing their PhDs in the period

2008-2014, supervised by **Angouri, Beeching, Charteris-Black, Coates** and **Sakel**. Fifteen of these students are international and part-time and combine their studies with working as teachers of English abroad. Supervisory teams are made up of a Director of Studies and one or two further supervisors. Students combine periods of residence at UWE in the UK, when supervisions can be face-to-face, with long periods abroad. The Unit has developed innovative ways of supervising these students at a distance, drawing on a combination of email exchanges and Skype conversations. All students have to complete two 30-credit taught modules as part of their PhD – these are taught in distance mode via the online Blackboard system. The UWE Graduate School provides an overarching supportive environment for doctoral students from application through to graduation. The School is led by an Academic Director and underpinned by a Graduate School Office providing a range of bespoke services aimed at meeting the particular needs of PGR students. This includes a training and development programme for students and supervisors designed to map the Vitae Researcher Development Framework. A UWE Code of Practice for Postgraduate Research Study, closely aligned to the QAA Code of Practice, sets out the support with respect to postgraduate research degrees. The Graduate School also supports networking events for research students as well as access to regional and national networks, events and support. Advice is available on studentship funding, careers and other issues, signposting to other professional services where appropriate. All PGR students are members of, and benefit from, the Graduate School and have access to a number of generic skills-based courses. In UoA28, BCL's annual PhD Summer School incorporates both external speakers and training sessions in particular methods, on corpus tools or using SPSS, for example, with sessions which are more closely focussed on PhD requirements such as "Defining your objectives", "Writing up", "The viva" and "Getting published". Annual monitoring forms, filled in by both the student and the supervisory team, are scrutinised by the Faculty's Research Degrees Committee, which decides whether a student is permitted to progress to the following year. The annual monitoring form requires students to highlight any training needs – and these are built into the ongoing programme of study. There is a Progression Exam 12 months after initial registration for full-time and 18 months after initial registration for part-time students. These procedures ensure that the student is guided to successful completion and is kept on course for the duration of the PhD. The 3 UK students are integrated into the Unit via FaNUK, the PhD Summer School, the regular BCL seminars and more informal meetings of members of the Unit. £1m was invested in Graduate School Scholarships in 2012 to support high calibre PhD studentships, including that of a research student in UoA28. In addition to the PhD students, the Unit has had PGR students working on its MAs in Translation and Intercultural Communication. An annual Research Methodology Day prepares these students for their dissertation and regular fortnightly research seminars organised by **Angouri** have proved to be very stimulating and enhance the research environment. The MA Intercultural Communication students have contributed to the organisation of the i-mean conferences, held at UWE. These conferences have contributed to a real sense of research community which extends beyond core BCL members. The National Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (2013) showed overall student satisfaction with the Faculty's Research Degree Programmes is 94.3%, compared with 82% nationally.

#### **d. Income, infrastructure and facilities**

BCL hosts the AHRC funded FaNUK project, led by **Coates**, and has received NHS funding to support **Angouri's** work on Obstetric Emergencies. The ICLRU is engaged in the development and archiving of corpus material in both English and a number of other languages, in supporting empirical corpus-based methodologies, and in mounting seminars which show-case corpus-based research and workshops on the use of corpus tools. Corpus material gathered by researchers and archived in the Unit includes the **Beeching** corpus of spontaneous spoken French, the Bristol Corpus of Learner Language and a collection of Parallel (translation) corpora in English and French, German and Spanish. The **Beeching** corpus contains transcriptions of 95 recordings made in Paris, the Minervois and the Lot in the 1980s and amounts to 17.5 hours of speech and 155,000 transcribed words. Demographic information about the age, sex and educational background of the speakers makes it suitable for sociolinguistic enquiry. For many years, it was the only corpus of spoken French freely available online and has been used by sociolinguistic researchers interested in language variation and change and lexicographers interested in contemporary usage. It has been exploited for student projects, MA dissertations and PhD theses in French Linguistics, in the UK and elsewhere. The parallel/translation corpora in English and

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French, German and Spanish were compiled by MA Translation students under the supervision of **Beeching** from 2002-2013, with translation files amounting to 350,000 words for French, 200,000 words for German and 200,000 words for Spanish in diverse fields ranging from Finance and Renewable Energies to Museums and Art Galleries, Human Rights and Cancer and Oncology. Translation corpora help translators find suitable equivalents for specialist terms and contextually-appropriate renderings. ICLRU maintains the archive of this material for the use of research students and staff. UWE, Bristol, is committed to enhancing support for early career researchers through its Strategic Research Development Fund. This includes a £1.5m investment in Early Career Researcher (SPUR) Awards. Each SPUR award holder is allocated a senior researcher to oversee their project and receives dedicated support from RBI in bidding for external funds. **Angouri** gained a SPUR Award in 2010. The University promotes the career development of researchers through the Researchers' Forum, the Women Researchers' Mentoring Scheme and a programme of staff development seminars in research, innovation and knowledge exchange closely allied to the four domains of the Vitae Researcher Development Framework. The University is actively working towards the implementation of the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers in partnership with research staff and their managers. The European Commission awarded UWE the HR Excellence in Research Award in January 2012, which 'recognises the University's outstanding work in developing and supporting its research staff'. The Interim Review due in 2014 will re-confirm the recognition of UWE's HR Excellence in Research Award.

**e. Collaboration or contribution to the discipline or research base**

BCL is engaged in a wide variety of local, national and international collaborative ventures, mainly on academic research projects but also with third sector parties such as the NHS. **Angouri** is part of an international team working on 'Workplace Discourse' and has links with the obstetric unit at the local Southmead Hospital where she has worked on a teamwork communication project, reported as one of our impact case studies. **Beeching** is part of an international network addressing 'Procedural Meaning in Diachrony' which has met in colloquia at a number of conferences (i-mean at UWE, Bristol, 2009; ICHL, Nijmegen, 2009; IPRA, Manchester, 2011). The group has already published a collected volume in Elsevier's Studies in Pragmatics series and has another in preparation on the role of the left and right periphery in semantic change. A further colloquium on the role specifically of the right periphery took place at the IPRA conference in 2013. **Charteris-Black** is engaged in collaborative research with Seale, a medical sociologist. **Coates** is collaborating with key figures at the National Archives for the FaNUK project and on post-project planning. He is also Chair of the Advisory Board of the JISC-funded project Digital Exposure of English Place-Names (DEEP), whose remit is to enhance the availability to other academic projects of the fruits of place-name research done by scholars of the English Place-Name Society, and a member of the Advisory Board of ChartEx, a JISC-funded interdisciplinary data-mining project to extract information about people and places from medieval documents. BCL members contribute to the discipline by serving on national and international committees, editorial and review boards; they are frequently invited as plenary speakers at conferences and have acted as external examiners for PhDs. An indicative summary of esteem factors is included below. **Angouri** is on the board of the Society of Intercultural Education Training and Research (SIETAR) (2008-), BAAL (2010-2013), and the AHRC and ESRC Peer Review Colleges. She reviews for a range of top journals in linguistics. Following her work on health care settings she also reviews for *BJOG: An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*. She was a visiting Scholar at the University of Wellington, New Zealand in July-August 2009. Since 2008 she has given over 36 guest talks/lectures at different institutions in the UK and abroad. **Beeching** was President of AFLS, 2007-2009, sat on the executive committee of the Association of University Professors and Heads of French (2009-11) and currently represents linguistics on the University Council of Modern Languages (2011-). She is on the Advisory Editorial Boards of the *Journal of French Language Studies* (2011-) and of *Studii de lingvistica* (2013-) and on the Editorial Board of a new book series *Corpora and Language in Use* published by Louvain University Press and edited by Granger and Degand (2011-). She was an Invited Scholar at the Université de Paris-3 in February-March 2011 and was an invited plenary speaker at 5 conferences in 2012-13 in the UK (Salford, DiPVaC conference), US (Illinois/Urbana-Champaign, LIAR conference) and France. She was external examiner for 4 PhDs: Angers, June 2008; Aberdeen, September, 2008; Newcastle, June 2011; Lyon, October 2011. **Charteris-Black** was an invited keynote speaker at conferences in Spain,

Portugal and, in the UK, at Westminster, in 2011-12. He reviews for *Applied Linguistics*, *System*, *English for Specific Purposes*, *Sociology of Health and Illness*, *The Linguistic Society of Australia*, *Journal of International Relations and Development* and *Language and Politics*. He was external examiner for 3 PhDs in Amsterdam, June 2010; Singapore, Sept. 2011 and Australia, May 2012. As well as being PI of the AHRC-funded project "Family Names of the UK" (FaNUK), **Coates** is Honorary Director of the AHRC- and BA-supported Survey of English Place-Names, General Editor of its publications series, Editor (with Paul Cavill) of its *Journal* till 2010, and ex-officio member of the Council of the English Place-Name Society. He is on the Advisory or Consulting Editorial Boards of the journals *Linguistics*, *Onoma* (Board Chair), *Nomina Africana*, *Nouvelle Revue d'onomastique*, *Acta Onomastica* (Prague) and *Literary Onomastics*, and is a current Vice-President of the International Council of Onomastic Sciences (2011-14). He has served as a peer reviewer or advisor for national research bodies in Germany (jointly with AHRC), the Netherlands, Austria and Switzerland, as scientific advisor for the International Congress of Onomastic Sciences (Barcelona, 2011 and Glasgow, 2014), and as a member of the AHRC Peer Review College since 2004. He has been a keynote speaker at international conferences in Nottingham, 2010, Bern, 2012 and Utrecht 2012, and an invited participant in the panel on research methods at the Institute of Historical Research (2012). He has served as a doctoral external examiner at the Sorbonne, Leiden, Lund, Glasgow and Birmingham. He was local organizer for a meeting of the Philological Society at UWE in 2010, as well as for a regional meeting of the AHRC-funded project "Sense of Place in Anglo-Saxon England" in 2009, and for the Society for Name Studies in Britain and Ireland in 2013. He is a regular invited speaker on language and names for local organizations. **Piasecki** has given various invited talks in Europe and North America and has attended major international conferences, including the biennial Mental Lexicon Conference in Canada (2010 and 2012). She is engaged in various collaborations with researchers around the globe, including New Zealand, Europe and North America. **Sakel** is on the editorial board of *Language typology and universals* (2008-) and was guest editor of the *International Journal of Bilingualism* (2010-2012). She was invited to co-organise a panel at the SLE conference in Vilnius (September 2010) and subsequently edit a special journal edition (2011-2012). In her continuing work on Amazonian languages, **Sakel** is currently collaborating with Ted Gibson (MIT) and Roger Levy (University of San Diego) on the production and comprehension of relative clauses in Chimane, based on fieldwork in 2013. The group will collaborate in future on the production of complex structures in the language, and further work (including applications for research funding) is envisaged.

**Karatsareas** is developing international collaborative relationships with researchers in the areas of language contact, variation and change. He is currently conducting joint research with Dr Ioanna Sitaridou (Cambridge University) on the reduction of grammatical gender distinctions in the endangered Pontic Greek variety that is currently spoken in the area of Trabzon in Turkey and with Eitan Grossman (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) on the typology of adposition borrowing. He co-convened a thematic workshop on adposition and case marker borrowing at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea in Split, Croatia in September 2013. A number of world-leading experts in the field of heritage languages have expressed their interest in collaborating with **Karatsareas** on his BA-funded project, most notably Professor Amalia Arvaniti (University of Kent), Professor Naomi Nagy (University of Toronto), Dr Devyani Sharma (QMUL) and Dr Stavroula Tsiplakou (Open University of Cyprus).