



**ALANZ Symposium
to be held at
Victoria University of Wellington
*Wednesday 1 December 2010***

Theme: Bridging the gap: research approaches for complexity.

The aim of this Symposium is to bring together researchers in Applied Linguistics, both experienced and emerging, to share insights and ideas from their work with a focus on the complexity of the research process itself, as well as of the field that they are researching in. To this end, we intend to offer a three-part programme, beginning with a plenary session from Frank Boers, newly appointed Associate Professor in Applied Linguistics at Victoria University of Wellington. This will be followed by workshop sessions focusing on research methodology. In the afternoon, a programme of research presentation will be offered.

Plenary session

Frank Boers

"Designing controlled experiments:
learning to get it (almost) right".

In the talk I would give examples of types of classroom-based experiments and demonstrate that avoiding pitfalls is not so easy. To illustrate this I would refer mostly to (flaws in) my own experiments and how I've begun to learn from them.

***Call for papers
Morning programme***

We would like to invite abstracts for researchers to facilitate workshop sessions with a focus on practical skills development related to doing research, choosing and implementing methodologies, designing instruments, researching in computer-mediated learning spaces, etc. These sessions will be 75 minutes in length, and we would encourage collaborative proposals from researchers working in similar ways, as well as individual facilitators.

Afternoon programme

Presentations on research in progress or recently completed of relevance to our membership and our contexts. Each session will be 30 minutes in length, including a 20 minute presentation and 10 minutes for further discussion. We invite abstracts from postgraduate students as well as experienced researchers. We invite groups of researchers to propose panel symposia of presentations on related topics, as well as individual presenters.

Abstract

A title plus a short abstract of about 250 words should be emailed as an attachment to Gillian Skyrme (g.r.skyrme@massey.ac.nz) or posted to School of Language Studies, Massey University, P.B. 11 222, Palmerston North by **Friday, 24 September 2010**.

In the body of the email, include:

- title of the paper
- name(s) and affiliation(s) of the author(s)
- indication of which author(s) will present the paper
- name of contact author, with email address, postal address, phone and fax numbers.

Attach to the email a separate Word or PDF document containing the title and abstract of the paper (but no identification of authorship).

Abstracts will be reviewed anonymously by the Programme Committee, and evaluated on grounds of their scope and quality. Authors will be notified of the outcome of their submission by 29 October 2010.

Equipment

Presenters can use PowerPoint or OHTs to aid their presentation. Handouts for the audience are also recommended. If any more specialist equipment is desired, please indicate this when submitting your abstract.