



AFLS conference 1-3 September 2010



Peterhouse, Cambridge, UK

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Le français : langue une, langue plurielle

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In 2010, the AFLS conference will focus on the relationship between the allegedly homogeneous character of the (prestige) norm or reference variety traditionally associated with the French language as used in France ('langue une') and the heterogeneity to be found in speaker-writer practice, perceptions and attitudes ('langue plurielle'). The conference will take account of both historical and contemporary data from a variety of geographical locations, situations of communication and social contexts. Papers are invited which explore both the evolving character of the standard in France and emerging norms in other francophone countries in the light of changes in the social environment and language policy. These might seek, on the one hand, to characterise the rapidly changing role of French in international and intra-national communication, including comparative approaches with other languages of wider communication, and to evaluate the place of other languages in the linguistic repertoire of Francophones in various locations, particularly as affected by language policy with special reference to language acquisition. On the other hand, empirical analyses of usage through specific studies of the output of L1 and L2 speakers as well as learner varieties will also be particularly encouraged, as will studies of other languages used in French-speaking territories. The conference programme will thus endeavour to interface the structural dynamics of discourse and stylistic variation, both in relation to contemporary and historical material and to the social and policy-framed environments, in which these phenomena occur.

Abstracts are welcomed both for individual papers (20 minutes + 10 minutes questions) and also for themed panels (3 papers: 3 x 20 minutes + 3 x 10 minutes questions)

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- empirical studies of oral and written data
- prestige varieties outside France
- varieties derived from new media (e.g. Internet fora, texting)
- defence and promotion of French
- French and other languages of wider communication, domain loss
- linguistic repertoires of Francophones
- youth and migrants
- changing social context/s

Plenary Speakers

Raymond Mougeon (York University, Canada)
Florence Myles (University of Newcastle, UK)
Peter Blumenthal (University of Cologne, Germany)

Submission of abstracts

Paper and poster proposals must be sent by 1st March 2010 as a one-page anonymous abstract (excluding bibliography, times 12 pt, single spaced in DOC or RTF format) attached to an email message sent to H el ene Blondeau, Chair of the AFLS Research Committee (blondeau@ufl.edu). The email message should include the title of the abstract and the name, affiliation and complete address of the author(s) and mention whether the proposal is for a paper or a poster.

Notification of acceptance or rejection

Notification of the outcome of your submission will be sent by 31st March 2010. The research committee may transfer a paper proposal to the poster session.

Important dates

- Submission of abstract for main conference: 1 March 2010
- Notification of outcome: 31 March 2010
- End of early-bird registration: 1 May 2010
- Registration closes: 14 May 2010
- Conference: 1-3 September 2010