Research profiles of the participating institutions

SOAS, University of London

SOAS is part of the University of London specialising in the study of languages, cultures and societies of Asia, Africa and the Near and Middle East. The School combines language scholarship, disciplinary expertise and regional focus on many non-Indoeuropean languages.

The Faculty of Languages and Cultures received the Queens award for the excellence, breadth and depth of its teaching in the languages of Africa, Asia and the Middle East.
The Linguistics Department houses the Hans Rausing Endangered Languages Project which aims to enhance the knowledge on endangered languages, document as many languages as possible, archive language documentation materials and make them accessible to the public.

Since 2010, SOAS has established a partnership with the research group PLIDAM (*Pluralité des Langues et des Identités: Didactique, Acquisition, Médiations*) based at INALCO (*Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales* through a doctoral seminar involving students and staff from both institutions. SOAS and INALCO are the two leading institutions in Europe on research and teaching of Asian and African languages and cultures. INALCO is the top institution in France for teaching of languages, especially those of Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and South America. PLIDAM is an interdisciplinary research team (encompassing social science, geopolitics, education, and linguistics) housed at INALCO. PLIDAM / INALCO are involved in one component of the skills development scheme, the doctoral seminar.

Bangor University

Bangor University is a research-led university. The School of Linguistics has two foci, one of which is bilingualism. It leads the ESRC-funded Research Center for Bilingualism in Theory and Practice in collaboration with the Schools of Psychology and Education.
The main theoretical focus of the ESRC Centre for Research on Bilingualism is the nature of the relationship between the two languages of bilingual speakers in bilingual communities. The main practical emphasis is on the implications of the theoretical findings for language policy, planning and implementation.

The Centre has five research groups investigating different aspects of bilingualism:
- Neuroscience Research Group;
- Experimental-Developmental Research Group;
- Speech research Group;
- Corpus Based Research Group;
- Survey and Ethnography Research Group.

The group most involved in the Scheme's activities is the Corpus Based Research Group with the Centre Director and Head of Group Professor Margaret Deuchar. This research group has collected three bilingual corpora and is particularly interested in whether and how bilinguals use their languages in different situations and how social variables (e.g. age, class, race and gender) affect how language is used in everyday conversation. These questions are explored through large scale corpus studies of existing corpora and compilation of new corpora.

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Lund University

Lund University is Sweden's strongest research university and has in the past few years secured more funding than any other Swedish university. At Lund University research is being conducted on different aspects of multilingualism and language acquisition: code switching in conversation, acquisition of word order in second language acquisition, multilingualism throughout the lifespan or understanding cross-cultural and individual variation in geographical ontology.

Lund University is also home of the [Humanities Laboratory](). This multidisciplinary, high-end facility for research and education on culture, communication and cognition is led by Professor Marianne Gullberg, a world-leading researcher on the linguistic, psycholinguistic and neurolinguistic aspects of multilingualism and multimodality. The Humanities Lab is used by researchers from different disciplines. It has a core staff supporting the researchers in the use of the high-end facilities including phonetic acoustic chambers, eye tracking units, EEG/ERP, motion tracking, tactile lab or virtual reality lab.