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ENGLISH AS AN ASEAN LINGUA FRANCA: IMPLICATIONS FOR LANGUAGE AND EDUCATION POLICY AND PRACTICE

Annex 1 Call for participants

Under the Researcher Links scheme offered within the Newton Fund, the British Council and the Thailand Research Fund will be holding a workshop on the above theme in the Dusit Thani Hotel, Bangkok on 8-11 January 2018. The workshop is being jointly coordinated by University of Southampton and Kasetsart University, and will have contributions from leading researchers—Professor Jennifer Jenkins, Associate Professor Dr Will Baker, Associate Professor Dr Julia Hüttner, Assistant Professor Dr Navaporn Snodin, Dr Sanooch Segkhoonthod Nathalang, and Assistant Professor Dr Montri Tangpijaikul.

As the official working language of ASEAN, and with the strengthening links between ASEAN countries, the importance of English in language and education policy and practice in Thailand continues to grow. This key role is reflected in its status as a compulsory language at school and university. Yet despite the considerable attention and funding that English has received, there is a perception that English learning and proficiency are low, resulting in Thailand missing out on opportunities ASEAN offers.

However, we argue that much of this perceived lack of success in English is due to unsuitable and unachievable goals based around an ideology of 'Standard' monolingual native speaker Anglophone varieties of English. Existing research on English use in ASEAN and Thailand demonstrates English successfully used in diverse and variable ways in multilingual scenarios often with little reference to Anglophone norms. This has resulted in a substantial gap between the fluidity of actual English use in ASEAN and the Anglophone model of English presented in Thai education and international testing.

This workshop aims to address these issues through exploring alternative perspectives to understanding English based on Global Englishes and English as a lingua franca research and the implications this has for language policy and classroom practices. The workshop will allow established scholars and early career researchers to discuss work in this area and consider more sustainable (economically and socially), locally relevant approaches to language ideology, language policy, and language teaching, with the aim of bringing about long-term changes in Thai education. The workshop will bring together a team from the Centre for Global Englishes at the University of Southampton who have world leading research expertise and experience in these areas together with a team from Kasetsart University who bring a wealth of local knowledge and experience.

Call for participants to workshop on:

English as an ASEAN lingua franca: Implications for language and education policy and practice

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Assistant Professor Dr Navaporn Snodin, and will have contributions from other leading researchers—Associate Professor Dr Will Baker, Assistant Professor Dr Montri Tangpajaikul, Associate Professor Dr Julia Hüttner, and Dr Sanooch Segkhoonthod Nathalang. We are now inviting Early Career Researchers, i.e. **those within ten years of the award of a PhD** (being awarded a PhD after December 2007), based at UK or Thailand Higher Education Institutions to apply to attend this workshop. Travel, subsistence and accommodation expenses up to a maximum of 1,000 GBP (for UK participants) and 5,000 Thai baht (for non-Bangkok-based Thai attendees) can be reimbursed. The application form, with more details on the initiative, is attached and should be sent to w.baker@soton.ac.uk (for UK applicants) and to navaporn.s@ku.ac.th (for Thai applicants) before the deadline of **15 October 2017**.

Annex 2 Application Form



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Workshop Title: English as an ASEAN lingua franca: Implications for language and education policy and practice

UK coordinator: Professor Jennifer Jenkins, University of Southampton

Thailand coordinator: Assistant Professor Dr Navaporn Snodin, Kasetsart University

Discipline: Applied Linguistics

Dates and venue: 8-11 January 2018, Dusit Thani Bangkok

The programme, 'British Council Researcher Links' provides opportunities for early career researchers from the UK and internationally to interact, learn from each other and explore opportunities for building long-lasting research collaborations.

As part of this programme, we are now recruiting early career researchers to participate in the above workshop.

The workshop will provide a unique opportunity for sharing research expertise and networking. During the workshops early career researchers will have the opportunity to present their research in the form of a poster and discuss this with established researchers from the UK and Thailand. There will be a focus on building up links for future collaborations and participants selected on the basis of their research potential and ability to build longer term links.

The British Council and Thailand Research Fund will cover the costs related to the participation to the workshop, including: travel (both international and local), accommodation and meals up to a maximum of 1,000 GBP (for UK participants) and 5,000 Thai baht (for non-Bangkok-based Thai attendees). Costs for the visa (if needed) can be claimed; however participants will be responsible for making all the necessary arrangements. Although this cost will not be covered by the British Council, participants are encouraged to purchase an adequate travel and medical insurance. The British Council accepts no responsibility for any problems which may occur when the participants are in-country.

Application and Deadline:

The full application below must be completed and submitted by **15 October 2017** to: w.baker@soton.ac.uk (for UK applicants) and to navaporn.s@ku.ac.th (for Thai participants)

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applications must be submitted using the Researcher Links application form
- Application must be submitted before the above deadline
- Participants must be Early Career Researchers: Early Career Researchers are defined as holding a PhD (or having equivalent research experience) and having up to 10 years post-PhD research experience (being awarded with a PhD after December 2007). They are equivalent to the 'Recognised Researcher' and sometimes 'Experienced Researcher'

categories in the EU framework for researchers' careers. http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/pdf/research_policies/Towards_a_European_Framework_for_Research_Careers_final.pdf.

- Participants must have a research or academic position (a permanent post, research contract, or fellowship etc) at a recognised research institution either in the UK or in Thailand
- Please note that participants are expected to attend all sessions of the workshop.

Quality Assessment

- Experience and relevance of the applicant's research area to the workshop
- Motivation and contribution to the aims of the workshop
- Description of the long term impact expected through the participation in the workshop
- Ability to disseminate workshop's outcomes

Selection Procedure:

- Eligibility check
- Quality assessment

Notification of results:

Applicants will be notified by email by **8 November 2017**.

Equal Opportunities

Equal opportunities and diversity are at the heart of the British Council's cultural relations ambitions. While recognising that some research fields are dominated by one particular gender, co-ordinators are encouraged to work towards an equal gender balance, promote diversity. They must not exclude applicants on the basis of ethnicity, gender, religious belief, sexual orientation, or disability. Participants' selection undertaken by workshop organisers must not contravene this policy. Extra support to enable participation of Early Career Researchers with special needs will be given.

Workshop Application Form

1. Applicant	
Name and title	
Gender (for statistical purposes. This will not affect choice of participants)	
Position and institution	
Postal address	
Email	
Phone number	
Brief CV (academic career, publications, markers of esteem, and any other relevant information) – no more than ½ page of A4	

Abstract - Please give a summary of your area of research

3. Please describe your motivation for attending the workshop and how the workshop matches your professional development needs

4. Please describe the expected impact of your participation on your personal and professional development, including your ability to work internationally

5. Please indicate how you will disseminate the outcomes of the workshops and the new knowledge/skills you have acquired

6. Workshops will take place in English as standard. Please indicate your ability to work and communicate in English (Note, translators may be provided if necessary)			
Native speaker	<input type="checkbox"/>	Good	<input type="checkbox"/>
Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Need support	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Please use this space to give any additional information that you feel is relevant for the application.

