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Language and Society

high-level lecture series

During the 2009/10 academic year the School of Languages is holding a high-level lecture series on the theme of "Language and Society". The series coincides with the 25th anniversary of our Masters in Translation and the four lectures in the series are covering a range of themes drawing attention to the wider importance of language for society.

The lectures are scheduled to start at 6:00pm and last for approximately one hour, followed by a further 30 minutes of discussion.

The Language and Society lectures are free to attend and open to all. However, spaces are limited and interested parties should register their attendance at the lectures in advance by contacting Deborah Lumb via e-mail at d.lumb@salford.ac.uk or by phone on **0161 295 2096**.

Semester 2 Lectures

"Parlez-Vous Zulu? - The importance of learning and using modern languages"

Baroness Jean Coussins, Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Modern Languages

Date: Wednesday 24th February 2010

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Mary Seacole Lecture Theatre

Introduced by Dr Paul Rowlett, Head of School of Languages University of Salford

Baroness Jean Coussins was created a life peer in 2007 and sits as a crossbencher in the House of Lords. She read Modern Languages (French and Spanish) at Newnham College Cambridge from 1970-1973 and is chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Modern Languages:

Jean will talk about the importance of learning and using modern languages and notably how language learning can be mainstreamed in schools and further and higher education.

"The Future of Englishes"

David Crystal OBE, acclaimed linguist, academic and author

Date: Wednesday 24th March 2010

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Peel Hall, Peel Building

Introduced by Prof. Martin Hall, Vice-Chancellor, University of Salford

David Crystal is one of the world's foremost experts on the subject of language and lectures to audiences throughout the world.

A prolific author, David has more than 100 books to his credit. He has also been a consultant on, contributor to or presenter of numerous radio and television programmes and series.

English is now a global language, but what are the consequences of this newfound status for the future development of the language? David's talk reviews the relevant statistics, the historical reasons for the language's present position, and the trends which are already affecting English world-wide.



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