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18–19 June 2010
Piazza Rosate 2, Room 3
Fri. 18 June 2010

10.00-10.45: Arrivals

10.45-11.00: Words of welcome
- Prof. Stefano Palaei, Rector of the University of Bergamo
- Prof. Bruno Cartosio, Dean of the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures
- Prof. Marina Dossena, Head of the Dept. of Languages and Comparative Literatures and Cultures

11.00-11.30: Marina Dossena (Bergamo) / Gabriella Del Lungo Camiciotti (Florence), Introduction

11.30-12.30: Methodological issues
- chair: Terttu Nevalainen
- Marina Dossena (Bergamo), *The Study of Correspondence: Theoretical and Methodological Issues*
- Gigliola Sacerdoti Mariani (Florence), *The Correspondence of “the strawberries-man”*
- Kevin McCafferty (Bergen) and Carolina P. Amador Moreno (Extremadura), ‘I will be expecting a letter from you before this reaches you’. Studying the evolution of a new-dialect using a Corpus of Irish English Correspondence (CORIECOR)
- Terttu Nevalainen (Helsinki), Using Personal Correspondence as Evidence for Ongoing Acrolectal Changes in LModE
- Linda Mitchell (San José SU), Reinforcing Grammar and Composition Skills through Letter-Writing Instruction in Late Modern England
- Lea Laitinen / Taru Nordlund (Helsinki), Orality, Literacy and Self-taught Writers in 19th.-century Finland

14.30-16.30: Norms and variations
- chair: Richard Dury
- Kevin McCafferty (Bergen) and Carolina P. Amador Moreno (Extremadura), ‘I will be expecting a letter from you before this reaches you’. Studying the evolution of a new-dialect using a Corpus of Irish English Correspondence (CORIECOR)
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16.30-17.00: Coffee break

17.00-18.30: Issues in identity
- chair: Maurizio Gotti
- Nicholas Brownlees (Florence), Reporting the News in English and Italian Personal Newsletters
- Eleonora Chiavetta (Palermo), Fanny to William: A CDA Approach to the Letters of Frances Leonora Macleay
- Gabriella Del Lungo Camiciotti (Florence), An Atypical Commercial Correspondence: Negotiating Artefacts and Status

19.00: Conference reception

Sat. 19 June 2010

09.30-11.00: Working-class correspondence (I)
- chair: Marina Dossena
- Stephan Elspaß (Augsburg), Narratives between Linguistic Creativity and Formulaic Restriction. Cross-linguistic Perspectives on 19th.-century Lower Class Writers’ Letters
- Tony Fairman (independent scholar), Official and Personal Letters by Mechanically-Schooled Writers, England 1795-1835: Differences and Similarities
- Robert McColl Millar (Aberdeen), The Problem of Reading Dialect in Semi-literate Letters: The Correspondence of the Holden Family, 1812-16

11.00-11.30: Coffee break

11.30-12.30: Working-class correspondence (II)
- chair: Stephan Elspaß
- Rita Marquilhas (Lisbon), A Historical Digital Archive of Portuguese Letters
- Marijke van der Wal (Leiden), Letters as Loot: Confiscated Letters Filling Major Gaps in the History of Dutch

12.30-12.45: Concluding remarks