

Honorary Adviser

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Christopher N Candlin is Senior Research Professor in the Department of Linguistics at Macquarie University, Sydney. He has held Professorships at Lancaster, UK and at The City University of Hong Kong, and holds Honorary Professorships at the Universities of Lancaster, Nottingham and Cardiff in the UK. He is currently Visiting Professor in the Department of English at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Leverhulme Visiting Research Professor in the Centre for Health Communication Research at Cardiff University. His current research is in the fields of professional communication, particularly in health-care and law, and its application to professional development and practice, and in disciplinary discourses in the academy and their interface with the world of work.

Facilitators

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To mark the inauguration of the
**Research Centre for
Professional Communication in English**
Department of English

Symposium

**Exploring Professional Communication:
Issues, Challenges and
Research Opportunities**

8 – 9 April 2006

Objectives of Symposium

- Provide a forum for focused discussion and the development of an agenda for partnered research in professional communication in Hong Kong and elsewhere.
- Facilitate interactive and explorative dialogue between researchers and practitioners concerning issues, challenges and research themes in the field of professional communication, particularly in business, communication, hotel and tourism management, land surveying, design, engineering, health and social sciences and other relevant domains.
- Identify appropriate sites and research scenarios in the practitioners' communicative contexts as a focus for research.
- Draw on the events during the Symposium as raw data for further research with a focus on research methodology.
- Distill the discussion outcomes into a potential research agenda and a series of issues for collaborative and partnered research.

Programme

Saturday, 8 April 2006

Morning

Registration (outside AG710)
Opening Ceremony (Professor Ko Jan-ming, VP (Research Development),
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University) (AG710)
Research Issues in Professional Communication (Professor Srikant Sarangi)
Break-out / Discussion
Conclusion

Lunch

Afternoon

From Research Issues to Research Challenges in Professional Communication
Break-out / Discussion (Professor Gu Yue Guo)
Conclusion

Dinner

Sunday, 9 April 2006

Morning

Developing a Research Agenda in Collaborative and Partnered Professional Communication
(Professor Chris Candlin & Dr Allan Jones)
Break-out / Discussion
Conclusion

Lunch

Registration

Registration is by invitation. Please complete the attached registration form and email or post it to Ms Catherine Law at egclaw@polyu.edu.hk (Department of English, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hunghom, Kowloon).

Enquiries

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