Rethinking the Language Center in the Age of Globalization

A symposium sponsored by the Consortium for Language Teaching and Learning in collaboration with the Yale Center for Language Study

November 9 & 10, 2012
Friday, November 9

3:00-5:00 Registration

Welcome and introduction by Joseph Gordon, Deputy Dean of Yale College

4:30-5:30 Opening lecture by Claire Kramsch, University of California at Berkeley: The educational promise of the language center

Claire Kramsch, Professor of German at the University of California at Berkeley, was, until 2006, founding Director of the Berkeley Language Center. Her area of research is applied linguistics, with emphasis on social, cultural and stylistic approaches to language study. Some of her well-known books include: The Multilingual Subject, Language and Culture, and Redefining the Boundaries of Language Study. Her many articles have appeared in such journals as Studies in Second Language Acquisition, The Modern Language Journal, and The Canadian Modern Language Review.

5:30-7:00 Reception

Saturday, November 10

8:00-9:00 Registration and breakfast

Panel 1: Mission
Richard Kern, Associate Professor and Director of the Berkeley Language Center, University of California at Berkeley
Stéphane Charitos, Director of the Language Resource Center, Columbia University
Dianna Murphy, Associate Director, UW-Madison Russian Flagship Center; Associate Director, Languages Institute, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Facilitated by Catherine Baumann, Senior Lecturer, Director of the Language Program in German, University of Chicago

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

Panel 2: Structure
Dan Soneson, Director of CLA Language Center, University of Minnesota
Mary Toulouse, Director of FLL Resource Center and Visiting Instructor of French, Lafayette College
Ray Clifford, Director, Center for Language Studies, Brigham Young University

Facilitated by Richard Feldman, Director, Language Resource Center, Cornell University

12:15-1:15 Lunch

Panel 3: Governance
Steven Clancy, Director of the Slavic Language Program, Harvard University
Lance Askildson, Assistant Provost for Internationalization Director of the Center for the Study of Languages & Cultures
Associate Professor of the Practice, Second Language Acquisition, Notre Dame University
Hiram Maxim, Director of The Emory College Language Center and Associate Professor, German Studies, Emory University

Facilitated by Elsa Amanatidou, Senior Lecturer, Modern Greek Studies. Director, Center for Language Studies, Brown University

2:45-3:00 Closing remarks, Nelleke Van Deusen-Scholl, Director, Center for Language Study, Yale University