

Summary Report of LCS PGR Conference 2016

The LCS Postgraduate Conference, aptly entitled “Cross-Cultural Crossings”, took place from 9am to 5pm on Friday 6th May 2016 in Parkinson 1.19. The idea for this conference originated from the LCS training programme, and was organized by LCS PGR students Roberta Morano, Polly Galis, Sophiko Daraselia, Shiping Yu and Serena Vandì, under the guidance of Dr. Ingrid Sharp. Speakers and chairs all came from the School of Languages, Cultures, and Societies, and were mostly first year PhD candidates.



The organisation committee

The conference started with welcome speeches from Dr. Ingrid Sharp and Dr. Alan O’Leary, and was composed of thematic panels. There were two panels on culture & history, and media & film in the morning, and two panels on translation and corpus linguistics in the afternoon. The culture and history panel talks covered topics relating to poetry, national and transnational icons and identities, WW2 history and music, and religious orthodoxy and heresy in early Christianity. The media and film panel looked at social, political, gender and representational issues in Italian and Thai Medias, whilst the linguistic and translation panels presented a detailed insight into the potential of corpus linguistics, and the linguistic, social and political complexities involved in the process of translation.

The speakers all benefited from sharing their research with their peers and supervisors, and received useful feedback from the audience. The content of the presentations mainly consisted in the speakers' research background and key questions, and research methods and findings, followed by astute questions from the audiences. Beyond that, many impassioned and academic discussions were to follow among speakers, chairs, audiences, and organizers during the coffee break, lunch, and reception.



Speakers and Chairs

In short, this conference was not only a useful representation of PhD students' research, but also a means for postgraduate researchers to build their academic and social network. The conference also received a warm reception from audience members.