



**BRITISH
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**Distant and Neglected Voices:
Women in the History of Linguistics**

**Venue: The Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1y 5AG
28 & 29 June 2016**

Convenors:

**Dr Helena Sanson, University of Cambridge
Professor Wendy Ayres-Bennett, University of Cambridge**

Tuesday, 28 June 2016

9.00 *Registration and refreshments*

SESSION I: 'From the Latin and Greek Worlds to the European Tradition: Women's Role in Language Codification'.

CHAIR: Professor John Joseph, University of Edinburgh

9.30 Anneli Luhtala, University of Helsinki
'Visible and Invisible Women in the Ancient Linguistic Culture'

10.00 *In conversation:* Helena Sanson, University of Cambridge and Wendy Ayres-Bennett, University of Cambridge
'From the Margins: Women and Language in the Italian Tradition' and 'Women as Authors, Authorities and Audience: The French Tradition'

10.45 Petros Karatsareas, University of Westminster
'The role of women in the advancement of Modern Greek dialectology'

11.15 *Refreshments*

SESSION II: 'Women Writing about the Spanish and Portuguese Languages on the Two Sides of the Atlantic'

CHAIR: Professor Nigel Vincent FBA, The University of Manchester

11.45 María Luisa Calero Vaquera, University Córdoba
'La "linguistique souterraine" des femmes dans la tradition espagnole'

12.15 Sónia Coelho, Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro, Centro de Estudos em Letras, and Susana Fontes, Universidade de Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro, Centro de Estudos em Letras, 'The Role of Women in the History of Portuguese Grammar from the late 18th to the early 20th century'

12.45 *Lunch*

SESSION III: 'Women Writing on Language in the North of Europe and Russia'

CHAIR: Professor Andrew Linn, University of Westminster

14.00 Nicola McLelland, University of Nottingham
'*Man ist frau:* Women in German Language Studies, 1700-1920'

- 14.30 Marijke van der Wal, University of Leiden
'The Mysterious Role of Women in Dutch Language History'
- 15.00 Tove Bull, University of Tromsø, and Toril Swan, University of Tromsø
'Women in the History of Linguistics in Scandinavian Countries'
- 15.30 Sylvie Archaimbault, Université Paris-Sorbonne
'Russian Linguistics in the Feminine'
- 16.00 *Refreshments*
- 16.30 Discussion
- 17.00 *Close of first day*

Wednesday, 29 June 2016

SESSION IV 'Women and Language between the Old and the New World: on English, on Celtic'

CHAIR: Dr David Cram, University of Oxford

9.15 In conversation: Carol Percy, University of Toronto, and Margaret Thomas, Boston College
'The British Tradition: Women Linguists of English to 1900' and 'American Women's Contributions to the History of Linguistics'

10.00 Bernhard Maier, University of Tübingen
'Lexicographers, Collectors, Activists and Linguists: Women in the history of Celtic Studies'

10.30 *Refreshments*

SESSION V 'Women's Voices on Language in the East and Far East'

CHAIR: Professor Charlotte Brewer, University of Oxford

11.00 Laurie Patton, Middlebury
'A Brief History of Women and Sanskrit in India'

11.30 Mariarosaria Gianninoto, University of Grenoble
'Women in the History of Chinese Linguistics'

12.00 Momoko Nakamura, University of Kanto Gakuin
'Women's Innovative Speech in Japan's National Language Formation'

12.30 *Lunch*

SESSION VI 'Breaking the Silence: Women Speaking and Writing on Language across the World'

CHAIR: Professor Lynda Mugglestone, University of Oxford

13.30 Fatima Sadiqi, University of Fez
'Women's Role in the Arabic Sciences of Language'

14.00 Helma Pasch, University of Köln
'Women in African Linguistics'

14.30 Eve Okura, University of Hawaii at Manoa
'Women in the History of American Indian linguistics'

- 15.00 Jane Simpson, Australian National University of Canberra
'A Well-Stored Sewing Basket: Women and Language Work in Early Australia'
- 15.30 *Refreshments*
- 16.15 Discussion
- 17.00 *Close of conference*