

Cambridge English Usage (Guides) Symposium

26 and 27 June 2014

English Faculty Building, 9 West Road, Cambridge

Organisers: *Henriette Hendriks* (Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics and co-chair of the Language Sciences Initiative, University of Cambridge) and *Ingrid Tiekens-Boon van Ostade* and *Robin Straaijer* (University of Leiden Centre for Linguistics)

Programme:

Thursday 26 June 2014

9.30–9.45	Henriette Hendriks	Opening the symposium
9.45–10.30	David Crystal	The English language in <i>Punch</i> , 1841–1901
10.30–11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00–11.45	Robert Ilson	Prolegomena to a cross-linguistic comparison of usage problems
11.45–12.15	Ingrid Tiekens-Boon van Ostade	<i>The King's English</i> : Kingsley Amis's tribute to Fowler
12.15–12.45	Inge Otto	The “Alphabet of Errors”: A mini-usage guide?
12.45–14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.00–14.45	Rebecca Gowers	Even More Complete Plain Words: The challenge of revising and updating a venerable usage guide
14.45–15.30	Caroline Taggart	“Elegant English” – is there any such thing?
15.30–16.00	<i>Tea break</i>	
16.00–16.45	John Allen	Why does the BBC need a style guide?
16.45–17.30	Deborah Cameron	“Familiarizing their ears with something better”: the early BBC and conflicting ideologies of usage

Friday 27 June 2014

10.00–10.45	Pam Peters	The lexicography of English usage
10.45–11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.00–11.30	Carmen Ebner	Attitudes to English usage revisited: A comparative investigation of attitudes towards British

11.30–12.00	Viktorija Kostadinova	English usage problems
12.00–12.30	Morana Lukač	Between usage problems and linguistic variables
12.30–14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	Discussing English usage on Wikipedia
14.00–15.30	Robin Straaijer	The HUGE database
15.30–16.00	Mignon Fogarty	Theory meets practice: Answering the public's questions about English
16.00–16.45	Geoffrey Pullum	The usage game: Catering to perverts
16.45–17.00	Round up and closing	
17.00–18.00	<i>Drinks and goodbyes</i>	

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