

## CIELL: Cluster of Innovative Education & Linguistics



### CIELL Aims

The Innovative Education and Linguistics Cluster UCLan Cyprus aims to advance and promote research-based activities in the field of linguistics and innovative education including technology-enhanced learning and leadership.

### CIELL Activities

- Research publications contributing to academic knowledge in the field of education and linguistics.
- MA research work in the field of educational leadership and linguistics.
- PhD research work in applied linguistics and education including leadership and technology-enhanced learning topics.
- Organisation of seminars and workshops focusing on research in linguistics and educational innovation.
- Submission of research proposals for EU funding (e.g. Horizon 2020, Erasmus +) in areas contributing to theory and practice of educational innovation, technology-enhanced learning and leadership, language acquisition, language impairment and language policy.
- Research project leadership ('Developing and validating a language screening tool for use in pre-primary care settings' with UCY).
- Participation in Erasmus+ projects such as the Planting Languages- Seeds of Success project, which supports multilingual families in raising their children multilingually, and the GReFORM project on governance enhancement through e-learning.
- Participation in Language Policy projects such as the "Documenting and reviving the Cypriot Maronite Arabic language" project, which is funded by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth.

### Research themes

- Innovation in education
- School governance, leadership, learning analytics and collaborative knowledge creation
- Technology-enhanced learning environments including simulations in medical education
- Language Acquisition
- Language Impairment
- Multilingualism and language policy
- Sociolinguistics

### INITIATIVES & RESEARCH PROJECTS

#### Teaching programmes:

- BA in English Language Studies
- MA in Educational Leadership

In cooperation with other universities and stakeholder organizations interested in the promotion of education and linguistics, CIELL have led a number of initiatives, such as Open forums, seminars and workshops, involving local and international academics, practitioners, publishing houses, teachers, parents and students.

#### Academic workshops & Conferences

International Seminars: <http://www.nspk.org.uk/>  
Internal and external factors influencing language choice in multilingual families. Foyer Institution, Brussels, 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2020.

Linguistic and Sociolinguistic Perspectives on New Speakers in a Multilingual Europe. University of Central Lancashire, Cyprus, Pyla, 19-20 October 2015.





## Local Seminars

**UCLan Cyprus Linguistics Research Seminars, 2013-2020**

**UCLan Cyprus Educational Leadership Group series, 2014-2020**

## Research projects & collaborations

CIELL faculty is involved in externally funded projects and collaborations under ERASMUS+, European Science Foundation (ESF) Individuals, Societies, Cultures and Health COST Actions, EU RIA Research and Innovation Action: Technologies for Learning and Skills, Horizon 2020, HRDA supported Executive Courses. Furthermore, the cluster is working on a number of research activities in collaboration with the University of Cyprus and Cyprus University of Technology.

### Staff & Research Interests

**Dr Maria Zeniou:** Collaborative learning and knowledge creation, pedagogic design for authentic and creative learning, innovation technologies, professional development and mindful leadership.

**Dr Antri Kanikli:** Generative grammar, Generative approaches to language acquisition, language impairment, multilingualism and language policy.

**Dr Elena Kkese:** Theoretical and applied linguistics, second language acquisition, phonetics and phonology, writing and spelling testing and assessment, sociolinguistics.

**Dr Olga Michael:** Gender issues in education, media and culture, female subjectivities and narratives.

PhD Students: **Dimitra Dimitriou, Asma Alhawi, Helen Eccleston.**

Associate Faculty: **Dr Paul Doherty, Dr Candice Satchwell, Dr Clare L. Winder, UCLan UK**

Associate Researchers: **Dr Armineh Shahoumian, Dr Peter Yiatrou.**