

The Multilingual and Multicultural Classroom

Special Interest Group (SIG)

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The Board of the CEL-ELC has decided to establish a set of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) with a view to bringing together members and non-members of the CEL-ELC interested in the same specific field within the area of languages. One such SIG is the *Multilingual and Multicultural Classroom* chaired by Karen M. Lauridsen from the Aarhus School of Business, Aarhus University, Denmark.

This SIG focuses on the linguistic, cultural and pedagogical/didactic challenges of the international university, in particular issues related to the *Multilingual and Multicultural Classroom* for teachers as well as students. Please see the separate document outlining some of these issues [here](#).

The first preparatory meeting of the SIG will take place on 23 October 2009 following an international workshop on the previous day at the Aarhus School of Business, Aarhus University, Denmark. At this meeting, participants will map current challenges of the *Multilingual and Multicultural Classroom*, what solutions have already been found to these challenges and what remaining questions still need to be answered. At the end of the meeting, a SIG action plan 2009-2011 will be outlined, and participants will be invited to declare their interest in joining the SIG.

Members of the SIG should be experts with research and publications and / or practical experience within this particular field of interest, and members of the SIG should also come from Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) trying to understand issues related to the *Multilingual and Multicultural Classroom* and working on possible solutions to problems encountered.

Members of the SIG may come from CEL-ELC member institutions or from other HEIs. There is no membership fee in order to join the SIG. However, participants at meetings and workshops will have to pay for their own travel and accommodation.

Following the preparatory meeting, participants who are interested in joining the SIG should fill in the form below.

The program for the **International Workshop on the Multilingual and Multicultural Classroom on 22.10.2009** may be found [here](#).

The program for the preparatory **Meeting on the Multilingual and Multicultural Classroom SIG on 23.10.2009** may be found [here](#).

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I, the undersigned, hereby declare my interest in becoming a member of the CEL-ELC Special Interest Group (SIG) on the *Multilingual and Multicultural Classroom*.

Name:

University / Higher Education Institution (name in original language and in English):

Country:

University / Higher Education Institution website:

My position in this HEI:

E-mail address:

Please indicate your expertise and experience within the area of the *Multilingual and Multicultural Classroom*:

I would be willing and able to host a future meeting of the SIG on the *Multilingual and Multicultural Classroom*: YES NO

I understand that participation in the SIG requires that my HEI listed above or I myself cover the travel and accommodations costs incurred in connection with meetings, workshops, etc.

Venue:

Date:

Signature:

Please sign and send this form to Karen M. Lauridsen at kml@asb.dk (pdf via e-mail) or +45 86 15 77 27 (fax).