12th OECD-Japan Seminar
Co-hosted by OECD/CERI, Aoyama Gakuin University Research Institute, and Ministry of Education Culture, Sports Science and Technology-Japan (MEXT)

“Globalisation and Linguistic Competencies (GLC): Responding to diversity in language environments”

October 22-24, 2008
Aogaku Kaikan, Tokyo, Japan

Objectives:

This seminar will bring together policy-makers, administrators, researchers, teachers and learners in order to discuss how we might respond to the growing linguistic and cultural diversity brought about by globalisation. The purpose is to clarify the various language challenges that different populations face, to explore the determinants of linguistic proficiencies, and to consider ways in which all stakeholders might tackle these issues in the future. There will also be a discussion on “brain science” and learning, an important theme from CERI’s previous work exploring learning in the context of the neurosciences, from which the current CERI project, “Globalisation and Linguistic Competencies (GLC)”, has been launched.

Draft Programme:

October 22nd (Wednesday)

Morning session
10:00 - 10:45
Chair: Junko Saruhashi (Aoyama Gakuin University)

Opening remarks
Teiichi Sato (Advisor to MEXT and CERI Governing Board member)
Barbara Ischinger (Director, OECD Directorate for Education)
Minoji Akimoto (Director, Aoyama-Gakuin University Research Institute)

Introduction of the key topics of the Seminar
Dirk Van Damme (Head of CERI, OECD Directorate for Education)
10:45 - 12:15  **Keynote session 1:** "Understanding the Brain: The birth of a learning science" – book release presentation, and the transition to the ‘Globalisation and Linguistic Competencies (GLC)’ project.

*Hideaki Koizumi (Hitachi Fellow and Corporate Officer, Hitachi, Ltd.; Director, R & D Division "Brain-Science & Society", RISTEX, JST; Visiting Professor, The University of Tokyo)*

*Lunch break*

**Afternoon session**  
**Chair:** **Barbara Ischinger (OECD)**

13:45 - 14:15  **Keynote session 2:** “Linguistic challenges facing the OECD countries”

*Luis-Felipe Lopez Calva (Chief Economist, UNDP Bureau of Latin America and the Caribbean)*

14:15 - 14:45  **Keynote session 3:** “Linguistic competencies in Canada in a Globalisation context”

*Satya Brink (Director of Policy Research, Human Resources and Social Development, Canada)*

14:45 - 15:00  **Coffee break**

15:00 - 18:15  **Plenary session 1:** “Globalisation and Linguistic Competencies: Overview of the project”

*Bruno della-Chiesa (Senior Analyst, OECD-CERI)*

**Plenary session 2:** “Globalisation and Linguistic Competencies: The role of English as a multicultural language”

*Nobuyuki Honna (Professor, Aoyama-Gakuin University)*

**Plenary session 3:** “Globalisation and Linguistic Competencies: The role of motivation in raising linguistic proficiencies”

*Koji Miyamoto (Economist, OECD-CERI)*

19:00 - 21:00  **Reception**

**October 23rd (Thursday)**

10:00 - 12:30  **Breakout session:**

**Session 1:** Status and function of English as a language of international/intercultural communication

*Chair: Dirk Van Damme (OECD-CERI)*

*Speakers: Junko Saruhashi (Aoyama-Gakuin University, Japan)  
Satya Brink (HRDC, Canada)  
Kyungsuk Chang (Korea Institute for Curriculum and Evaluation)*

**Session 2:** Understanding language acquisition through brain science

*Chair: Bruno della-Chiesa (OECD-CERI)*

*Speakers: Hideaki Koizumi (Hitachi, RISTEX-JST and University of Tokyo)  
Hiroko Hagiwara (Tokyo Metropolitan University)  
Reiko Mazuka (RIKEN and Duke University)  
Maki Koyama (Oxford University)*

**Session 3:** Globalisation and linguistic challenges in Japan

*Chair: Yuko Takeshita (Toyo Eiwa University)*

*Speakers: Shinya Tanaka (Japan Association for Language Policy)  
Eriko Ishii (Tokyo Women’s Christian University)  
Jean-Carol Forato (University of Paris 9)*
14:00 - 16:30  **Breakout session:**

**Session 4: Linguistic challenges for migrants and minorities**

Chair: Koji Miyamoto (OECD-CERI)

Speakers: Guus Extra (Tilberg University, The Netherlands)

Toshiko Sugino (National Defence Academy, Japan)

Satoshi Miyazaki (Waseda University, Japan)

Maria Santos (New York City Department of Education, USA)

Michelle Allen (Australian Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations)

**Session 5: Responses to linguistic environment: Visions of linguistic auditing**

Chair: Junko Saruhashi (Aoyama-Gakuin University)

Speakers: Judy Yoneoka (Kumamoto Gakuen University)

Akiko Matsumoto (Tokyo Denki University)

Chie Saito (International University of Health and Welfare)

**Session 6: Informal language learning: The role of media and ICT**

Chair: Takeshi Matsuda (Aoyama Gakuin University)

Speakers: Representatives from ALC, Apple, and NHK

16:30 - 16:45  **Coffee break**

**Wrapping-up**

Chair: Dirk van Damme (OECD-CERI)

16:45 - 18:00  **Plenary session 4: Reporting back from breakout sessions and general discussions**

18:00 - 18:30  **Conclusions and closing of the seminar**

October 24th (Friday)

8:50-13:30  **School visit (optional)**