

Report Research Meeting Group C.I.E.N, 7th May 2010, 11:30

Participants: Melissa G. Moyer; Angelica Carlet, Eva Codó, Maria Rosa Garrido Sardà, Safae Jabri, Sònia Oliver del Olmo and Maria Sabaté Dalmau; and (Katia Yago on sick leave).

Meeting:

Safae Jabri presented the research she is undertaking on migrant institutions for the Ministry research project. The title of her talk was “A Torn Identity”, and it dealt with the workings (and the institutional agents/tasks) of an important migrant-oriented association started by a group of Moroccan men during the 1990s in a migrant populated neighbourhood of Barcelona. She also presents the state/stage of her data collection. Several members of the group gave her feedback. This prompts a very interesting debate and many questions on how to navigate present-day transnational networks of migrants in spaces *theoretically* regulated/organised by and for migrants.

- Meeting starts. We congratulate Maria Rosa on having very successfully passed her *Suficiència Investigadora* on the 20th of April 2010.
- Each member briefly summarises her research stage to the group (steps towards Safae’s and Angelica’s MA theses, Maria Rosa’s PhD thesis registration, and Maria’s PhD thesis, congresses for the Spring and the Summer terms).
- Practical matters: On seeing that the next academic year promises to bring about many bureaucratic tasks having to do with congresses organisations and with the applications/renewals of research projects, we comment on the need to hire a person (probably, a *tècnic de suport a la recerca*), to provide support and to conduct the secretarial tasks of the research group. This person should ideally have a B.A. and a command of English (and of Catalan/Spanish) and to be familiar with the workings of Spanish and Catalan bureaucracies.
- Practical matters: We list the group tasks that need to be conducted in 2010, and particularly focus on the importance of prioritising, planning and including the

Ministry's grant renewal and reports into our agenda (members will be assigned tasks and will meet with Melissa Moyer individually).

- Decisions: We need to reach an agreement on a common policy on the permission to access and use the data that we have collected in each site (by other (inter)national research groups and by members of our group, for example, for site-comparison purposes). It is agreed by the majority that the data's collector shall, of course, be acknowledged every time, and that the informants' pseudonyms shall be respected in all circumstances. It is also agreed that we would like to learn, benefit and discuss the other's interpretations with the collectors. Melissa Moyer will consult the legal aspects concerning this issue with the *Gabinet Jurídic* of the UAB this month.

- Eva Codó applied for a mobility grant (ref. DCT2009-00100-P) to invite professors to participate in doctoral programs with *Mención de Calidad* and gives us the good news that she has been notified by the Ministry of Education that we got it as part of the teaching activities within the doctoral program MCD 2004-00211 "Lengua y Literatura: Estudios Ingleses", for Dr. Anna de Fina (Georgetown University). Eva has organised a seminar series on "Narratives as Discourse", which will be celebrated at the UAB from 15:00 to 17:30 (Wed. 2, THU. 3 and Mon. 7 June 2010) and from 10:00 to 12:30 on FRI. 4th June. We thank Eva for all the good work.

- Dr Mike Baynham (University of Leeds), whose talk on "Narrative Analysis" was cancelled due to the Icelandic volcano, will be able to visit the research group and to give a talk at the *Facultat de Lletres* at the beginning of June, too (details t.b.a).

- We agree to meet again on the 19th of May at 10:00am.