The Department of English Studies is pleased to announce its first international conference on Intercultural, Cognitive and Social Pragmatics to be held in Novembre 18-19, 2015. The first edition of this conference will be devoted to “Intercultural Pragmatics and Language Teaching”. It will serve as a forum where applied linguists and practitioners of Pragmatics and Discourse Analysis can meet, share experiences, discuss common problems, and present papers on their latest research in the field. We also wish to create awareness among postgraduating students of the growing interest in this area of linguistic expertise.

Submissions:
We welcome original papers, written in English or French (20 minutes in length) on any topic relevant to the mission of “Intercultural Pragmatics and Language Teaching”. The conference is especially interested in papers that:

- explore the implications of pragmatics research for theoretical developments and
applications in the fields of second language acquisition and intercultural communication,
- discuss language in use in the context of cross-cultural interaction,
- analyse pragmatics research findings from the perspective of bi- and multilingual development,
- study the nature of interaction of bi- and multilinguals and language learners,
- investigate the reliability of textbooks in raising learners pragmatic awareness,
- examine the teachability and learnability of pragmatic skills in instructional environments
- discuss issues related to pragmatics in ELF contexts

Participants should submit one-page abstract (500 words) accompanied by a step-by-step outline of the presentation and the following information:

1. Author’s name(s) and affiliation with a short bio
2. Title of paper
3. E-mail address(es)

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Dr. Neil Murray (University of Warwick)
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Electronic submissions as e-mail attachments are highly encouraged. Proposals may be sent to Dr. B.A. Neddar (neddarb@yahoo.co.uk), or to the conference e-mail address: Pragconf@gmail.com.

**Dates**:
Deadline for receipt of abstracts is March 31st, 2014. Notification of acceptance will be sent by June 30st, 2015.

**Publication**:
All papers with status accepted will be published.