This two-day seminar, supported by the BAAL/Cambridge University Press Seminar Programme (2010), is the beginning of what we hope will be a productive working partnership between researchers in Linguistics and those researching the fields of Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution.

We invite participants from both academic communities and would expect that those attending will be prepared to engage with the relatively open structure that we are proposing. We expect to have very short presentations from each of the plenary speakers (see below) but intend much of the conference to be spent examining ways in which the theories and practices of these fields may be combined to throw further light on the central communicative aspects of conflict and the resolution of conflict. See website for registration: [http://www2.hud.ac.uk/mhm/english/research/conferences/lang-conflict2010.php](http://www2.hud.ac.uk/mhm/english/research/conferences/lang-conflict2010.php)

Our panel of plenary participants will consist of three linguists from the ‘host’ institution and four researchers in the fields of Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution. These are:

**The Linguistic ‘hosts’:**  
**Professor Lesley Jeffries** is Director of the Stylistics Research Centre at the University of Huddersfield.  
**Dr Jim O’Driscoll** is Senior Lecturer in English Language at the University of Huddersfield.  
**Dr Dan McIntyre** is Reader in English Language and Linguistics at the University of Huddersfield.

**The Peace Studies ‘guests’**  
**Professor Tom Woodhouse** holds the Adam Curle Chair in Conflict Resolution; Director of the Centre for Conflict Resolution; Academic Director Bradford Rotary Centre for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution.  
**Professor Oliver Ramsbotham** is Honorary Professor at the University of Bradford and has been Chair of the Board of Oxford Research Group* since April 2007.  
**Dr Karen Abi-Ezzi** also works in the Peace Studies department of the University of Bradford.  
**Professor David Webb** is Associate Director of the Praxis Centre at Leeds Metropolitan University and Professor of Engineering.