**Festival of Ideas 2013**

Saturday 26 October (Little Hall)

**12-1pm**: “Do the limits of my language mean the borders of my world?” A talk about interactions between attitudes to language and the creation/maintenance of identities in the current age of the nation-state. With Georg Höhn.

**1-3pm**: Linquiztics - This is 'Blockbusters', 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?' and 'Family Fortunes' as you have never seen them before! Come and have a go at these linguistics themed quizzes to test your knowledge about language, find out something new and maybe even win a prize (even if you came along to Linquiztics last year, brace yourself for some new language-related quizzes and games).

 **3-4pm**: “Ideas and languages: ten languages that changed the world”. Languages shape human culture and human thought. Some languages have shaped our world more than others, some of them not as obvious as you might think. This talk offers a sample of those languages, from Sanskrit to Singlish, via French and Esperanto, with one or two real surprises along the way. With Ian Roberts.

 Sunday 27 October (Alison Richards Building, SG1)

**2.30-3.30pm**: “Frontiers of linguistic fieldwork”. How does a linguist research a new language? Come on a fieldwork trip to Africa with us and find out! In this interactive workshop you get a chance to work with linguistic brainteasers from various Bantu languages, analysing the patterns and discovering what this teaches us about the nature of human language. With Jenneke van der Wal and Andras Bárány.