**Revised call for applications. Note eligibility criteria have changed and current PhD students may now apply. Deadline for applications 31 March 2014.**

The British Council and The Thailand Research Fund have launched a new initiative to encourage international research collaboration between ambitious young researchers from the UK and early career researchers from Thailand enabling them to interact, learn from each other and explore opportunities for building long-lasting research collaborations.

#### A workshop on “Collaboration for language preservation and revitalisation in Asia”, hosted by SOAS and Mahidol, will be held in Bangkok, Thailand 20-23 May 2014. The workshop will bring together researchers and practitioners in language documentation and description, language policy/planning and mother tongue-based multilingual education to discuss the latest developments in their research, creating a new common ground for initiatives in language preservation, revitalisation and human development. SOAS and Mahidol are committed to interdisciplinary approaches to the documentation and revitalisation of languages in Asia and throughout the world.

The workshop will provide a unique opportunity for sharing research expertise and networking. During the workshop early career researchers will have the opportunity to present their research in the form of a poster and to discuss this with established researchers from the UK and Thailand. There will be a focus on building up links for future collaborations and participants selected on the basis of their research potential and ability to build longer term links. All travel and accommodation costs will be paid for selected participants.

Topics to be covered in the workshop include:

* how researchers and resource developers can support communities to sustain their linguistic ecologies
* language revitalisation, personal/community identity and sustainable human development
* production of culturally and pedagogically appropriate linguistic and digital multimedia resources for language valorization, supporting learners and teachers
* techniques in digital data collection, management, dissemination and preservation
* preservation of traditional knowledge and indigenous paradigms of teaching/learning for mother tongue-based multilingual education
* ethnolinguistic identity, reconciliation and peace building

A fieldtrip to an ethnolinguistic minority community is planned.

Applications are now called from  Early Career Researchers enrolled in or holding a PhD (or having equivalent research experience) in Linguistics, Applied Linguistics, Anthropology, Education, Human Geography or a related field, and having up to 10 years post-PhD research experience. Participants must have an academic affiliation (either a post, researcher association, fellowship or PhD enrolment) at a recognised research institution in the UK. For further details and a downloadable application form go to: http://www.soas.ac.uk/linguistics/events/british-council-researcher-links/. The deadline for applications is 31 March 2014.

For any queries from UK-based researchers please write to elap@soas.ac.uk.