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## Public Lecture

# Promoting foreign languages in formal education in a time of reform: a UK perspective

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Recent years have seen radical changes in the manner in which foreign languages have been offered and studied at different levels of UK education. This presentation will report on some major projects developed in response to the perceived struggle in promoting foreign language learning in higher education. A recent survey of institutions (<http://www.ucml.ac.uk/news/155>) gives some useful quantitative data and reports some significant opinions on effective management of language learning to meet changing demands. Ways in which different language teaching and learning organisations might position themselves more strongly to cope with present and future pressures and demands are suggested. It is hoped that these thoughts might stimulate a discussion with international comparisons.

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