

*Handle them carefully, for words have more power than atom bombs.*

**Pearl Strachan Hurd.**

*Language exerts hidden power, like the moon on the tides.*

**Rita Mae Brown.**

*Speak softly and carry a big stick.*

**Theodore Roosevelt.**

*Language is power, life and the instrument of culture, the instrument of domination and liberation.*

**Angela Carter.**

*Language shapes the way we think, and determines what we can think about.*

**Benjamin Lee Whorf.**

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- ◆ To give a voice to dissent and independent opinion.

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Friday 19 October 2012

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- ◆ *ISAA Annual Lecture*  
6.00 pm, Thursday 18 October 2012
- ◆ *ISAA AGM*  
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