



EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY  
PERTH WESTERN AUSTRALIA

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

*Farzad Sharifian Jazi*

IS AWARDED THE

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH MEDAL

2002

THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ANNUALLY AWARDS THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH MEDAL IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT BY GRADUATE STUDENTS STUDYING IN THE HIGHER DEGREES BY RESEARCH PROGRAMME OF THE UNIVERSITY.

*Dr Farzad Sharifian's PhD thesis, entitled Conceptual-Associative System in Aboriginal English: A study of Aboriginal children attending primary schools in metropolitan Perth was supervised by Professor Ian Malcolm. All three external examiners rated the thesis as outstanding in the way that it makes advances in the understanding of the relationships between language, culture and conceptualisation. The examiners complimented Dr Sharifian on the highly original and significant contribution to theory regarding cognition and linguistics, and indicate that this study has the potential to transform the research approach within the discipline. In addition to the strong theoretical contribution to scholarship, the thesis makes an important contribution to improving classroom teaching by reducing cross-cultural misunderstandings.*

VICE CHANCELLOR, EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY

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