Biolinguistic Investigations on the Language Faculty

January 26-28, 2015
Pavia, Italy

Invited speaker
Ken Wexler, MIT

A conference organized by the International Network in Biolinguistics, UQAM and the NeTS Center at IUSS, Pavia

This conference aims to contribute to our understanding of the human capacity for language, understood as a generative procedure that relates sounds and meanings via syntax.

While theoretical hypotheses about this relation are part of the generative enterprise since its beginnings, recent developments address the issue in terms of the properties of the 'language organ'.

Different hypotheses about the properties of the generative procedure, giving rise to the discrete infinity of language, are under discussion, and their connection with biology is open to important cross-disciplinary work.

Advances have been made in human-animal studies to differentiate human language from animal communication.

Contributions from neurosciences also point to the exclusive properties of the human brain for language.

Studies in genetically based language impairments also contribute to the understanding of the properties of the language organ.

We invite contributions presenting theoretical and experimental investigations on the properties of the Language Faculty.

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January 26
8:00-8:00 Registration
9:00-9:15 Welcome
9:15-10:00 KEN ROUSSOS. Developmental Biolinguistic Investigations in Syntax and Semantics (Invited Talk)
10:00-10:45 Athens, ESG et al., Oligodentical without Autism: Irregular Syntax, Empty Cluster and Proximal?
11:15-12:00 Anne WAGSTAFF et al., A Study of Spanish SP and the Negative Effect
12:00-14:00 Lunch
14:00-14:45 Giuseppe LONGOBARDI et al., Animal language Pamela & Genome: A New Biolinguistic View
14:45-15:30 Guiseppe LONGOBARDI et al., Allocentric: Generation of Random Language Arganox forSyntax as a Source of Rich Organized Information
15:30-16:15 Break
16:15-18:00 Anna Maria D. SCULLO et al., Language Faculty, Language Development and Object Processes in Romanica

18:00 Dinner

January 27
9:00-9:45 Caterina DONITZ et al., The Grammar of Code-Switching: An Interim Study and Can Tea Be an Art Language?
9:45-10:30 John Wray and Eamonn Keane, English Interjections: How Come It Go Right?
10:30-11:15 Breakfast
11:15-12:45 Scott THOMAS, Architecture (Cortical and Cognitive) and Language Processing
11:45-12:30 Marieke AMAR et al., Vocal Substitution Cues
12:30-14:00 Lunch
14:00-14:45 Edward Meng SH E.
14:45-15:30 Cristaflavin CAST L. et al., Is Image Understanding More Than a Side Effect? The Cognitive Abilities of Vocal Learning Birds
15:30-16:00 Break
16:00-16:45 Mirko GRIAMID et al., Electrophysiological Evidence for Involuntary Speech Segmentation and Recognition in Human Auditory Cortex
16:45-17:30 Gunilla M. MOROS et al., Variables and Other Biolinguistic Issues in Phonology
17:30-18:00 Break
18:00-18:45 Joana ROIS BELLO et al., Language Externalization: Is Not Schneider's Internalization of Speech and Thought
18:45-19:15 Pedro Tejo MARTINS et al., What Makes Speech Human? Speech?

January 28

Symposium: The Language of Schizophrenia: New Questions for Biolinguistics
9:00-9:30 Peter McKENNA. Everything You Need to Know About Schizophrenia Language But Were Afraid to Ask in A Handbook
10:00-10:30 Wolfram HINZEN, Positive Symptoms of Schizophrenia in Light of the Full-Circle Hypothesis
11:30-12:00 Marko BOSCAR et al., Language, Pragmatics and Social Cognition in Schizophrenia
12:15-14:00 Marko BOSCAR et al., Language, Pragmatics and Social Cognition in Schizophrenia
14:00-14:30 John Wray et al., Spontaneous Speech and Language in Schizophrenia: The Perspective from Brain Imaging
15:30-16:15 Round Table on the Language Faculty and Schizophrenia
16:15-17:00 Closing remarks