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## **Gestures: A comparison of signed and spoken languages**

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### **Programme**

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

- 14:00-14:30 Konrad Ehlich (München/ Berlin, Germany)  
*Nonverbal – international? Oder von der vermeintlichen Universalität der Gestik und ihren universal-theoretischen Gründen*
- 14:30-15:00 Adam Kendon (Philadelphia, Naples, USA/ Italy)  
*Some reflections on ‘gesture’ and ‘sign’*
- 15:00-15:30 Gisela Fehrmann (University of Cologne, Germany)  
*Shifters: The gestural dimension of symbolic reference in German Sign language*
- 15:30-16:00 Jennie Pyers (Wellesley College, Boston, USA), Pamela Perniss (MPI for Psycholinguistics and Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands), Karen Emmorey (San Diego State University, San Diego, USA)  
*Viewpoint in the visual-spatial modality*
- 16:00-16:30 coffee break
- 16:30-17:00 Pamela Perniss, Asli Özyürek (MPI for Psycholinguistics and Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands)  
*A cross-linguistic comparison of co-speech gesture and sign: Constraints on the visual-spatial modality in representations of motion events*
- 17:00-17:30 Mieke Van Herreweghe (Ghent University, Belgium), Myriam Vermeerbergen (Research Foundation – Flanders/ Universiteit van Amsterdam/ University of the Free State, Belgium/ The Netherlands)  
*Referent tracking in two unrelated sign languages and in home systems*

- 17:30-18:00 David Quinto-Pozos (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA), Fey Parrill (Case Western Reserve University, USA)  
*Enactment as a communicative strategy: A comparison between English co-speech gesture and American Sign Language*
- 18:00-18:30 Renate Fischer/ Simon Kollien (University of Hamburg, Germany)  
*Sound symbolism in GSL?*

Thursday, February 28, 2008

- 09:00-09:30 Sherman Wilcox (University of New Mexico, USA)  
*Two Routes from Gesture to Language*
- 09:30-10:00 Ronnie B. Wilbur, Evguenia Malaia (Purdue University, Sign Language Linguistics Research Laboratory, USA)  
*From Encyclopedic Semantics to Grammatical Aspects: Converging Evidence From ASL and Co-Speech Gestures*
- 10:00-10:30 Cornelia Mueller (European University Viadrina, Germany)  
*Creating gestures and signs: gestural modes of representation and classifiers in sign-languages*
- 10:30-11:00 Dorothea Cogill-Koez (Language and Cognition Research Centre University of New England, Australia)  
*Reanalysing gesture in terms of channel, representational principle, and structural level: A common ground beneath signed and spoken communication systems?*
- 11:00-11:30 coffee break
- 11:30-12:00 Christian Rathmann (University of Bristol, England)  
*Iconicity, Lexicalization and Grammaticization: Implications for Sign vs. Gesture*
- 12:00-12:30 Jana Bresse, Silva Ladewig (VW-Project "Towards a Grammar of Gesture" European University Viadrina, Germany)  
*Discovering structures in gestures on the basis of the four parameters of Sign Language*
- 12:30-13:00 Gaurav Mathur (Gallaudet University Washington D.C., USA)  
*Does gesture have phonology? Insights from signed languages*

Friday, February 29, 2008

- 09:00-09:30 Susanne Tag (VW-Project “Towards a Grammar of Gesture“, European University Viadrina, Germany)  
*Simultaneity in Co-speech Gestures*
- 09:30-10:00 Paula Marentette, Elena Nicoladis (University of Alberta, Canada)  
*Iconicity and simultaneity in the gesture-language link: A comparison of ASL signers and English speakers*
- 10:00-10:30 Myriam Vermeerbergen (Research Foundation – Flanders/ Universiteit van Amsterdam/ University of the Free State, Belgium/ The Netherlands), Eline Demey (Ghent University, Belgium)  
*Sign + Gesture = Speech + Gesture? Comparing Aspects of Simultaneity in Flemish Sign Language to Instances of Concurrent Speech and Gesture*
- 10:30-11:00 coffee break
- 11:00-11:30 Phyllis Perrin Wilcox (University of New Mexico, USA)  
*Substantiation of Metonymy in American Sign Language*
- 11:30-12:00 Irene Mittelberg (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands)  
*Contiguity relationships within and across semiotic modes: A Jakobsonian perspective on metonymy*