

# 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference "Prominence in Language"

Conference Program

23-24 April 2026  
University of Cologne

## Venue

Leonardo Royal Hotel Köln - Am Stadtwald  
Dürener Str. 287 | 50935 Cologne

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## 22 April - Wednesday

18:30 - 23:00 KICK-OFF MEETING  
Herbrand's Ehrenfeld (<https://herbrands.de>)  
Herbrandstr. 21, 50825 Cologne

## 23 April - Thursday

08:00 - 09:00 REGISTRATION  
Leonardo Royal Hotel Köln - Am Stadtwald  
Dürener Str. 287, 50935 Cologne

09:10 - 09:30 WELCOME

### **Birgit Hellwig**

*Vice Dean for International Affairs, University of Cologne*

### **Petra Schumacher**

*Spokesperson of the CRC 1252, University of Cologne*

## SESSION 1

09:30 - 10:30 **Invited Speaker: Katharina Zahner-Ritter**  
*Trier University*  
Learning what sounds prominent - Listener adaptation to prosodic cues

10:30 - 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

## SESSION 2

- 11:00 - 11:30 **Hans Rutger Bosker**  
*Radboud University Nijmegen*  
Prominence-lending hand movements can guide word segmentation downstream
- 11:30 - 12:00 **Lena Pagel, Simon Roessig, Doris Mücke**  
*University of Cologne*  
Multidimensional and multimodal cues to prosodic prominence: Can we compare monologic and dialogic scenarios?
- 12:00 - 12:30 **Fabian R. Eckert<sup>1</sup>, Aviad Albert<sup>1</sup>, Jeremy Steffman<sup>2</sup>, T. Mark Ellison<sup>1</sup>, Petra B. Schumacher<sup>1</sup>, Martine Grice<sup>1</sup>**  
*University of Cologne<sup>1</sup>, University of Edinburgh<sup>2</sup>*  
The quality of prosodic quantity: Sonority is driving length illusions in perception
- 12:30 - 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

## SESSION 3

- 14:00 - 14:30 **Dominic Schmitz<sup>1</sup>, Melanie J. Bell<sup>2</sup>, Ingo Plag<sup>1</sup>**  
*Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf<sup>1</sup>, Anglia Ruskin University<sup>2</sup>*  
Semantics and pitch contour predict one another in English compounds
- 14:30 - 15:00 **Yvonne Portele, Markus Bader**  
*Goethe University Frankfurt*  
Revisiting Rule 1 of Centering Theory
- 15:00 - 15:30 **Timo Buchholz<sup>1</sup>, Jet Hoek<sup>2</sup>, Klaus von Heusinger<sup>3</sup>**  
*University of Tübingen<sup>1</sup>, Radboud University Nijmegen<sup>2</sup>, University of Cologne<sup>3</sup>*  
Propositional accessibility depends on the context of the anaphoric clause
- 15:30 - 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

## SESSION 4

- 16:00 - 17:00 POSTER SESSION 1

## SESSION 5

- 17:00 - 18:00 **Invited Speaker: Steffen Heidinger**  
*University of Graz*  
Focus affinity as prominence?
- 19:00 - 23:00 CONFERENCE DINNER  
Brauerei zur Malzmühle (<https://brauereizurmalzmuehle.de/>)  
Heumarkt 6, 50667 Cologne

## 24 April - Friday

### SESSION 6

- 09:00 - 09:30 **Wenxi Fei, Yu-Yin Hsu**  
*Hong Kong Polytechnic University*  
How Fast Do Prosodic Cues Update? Evidence from Short-Term Cue Reweighting in Mandarin Prosodic Focus
- 09:30 - 10:00 **Jackson Kellogg**  
*Boston University*  
The issue of "prominence" in prosodic typology: Phonological strength vs. narrow focus
- 10:00 - 10:30 COFFEE BREAK

### SESSION 7

- 10:30 - 11:30 POSTER SESSION 2

### SESSION 8

- 11:30 - 12:00 **James Griffiths, Güliz Güneş**  
*University of Tübingen*  
On the prosody and pragmatics of English reference and quiz questions
- 12:00 - 12:30 **Ebrar Beşinci<sup>1</sup>, Timo Buchholz<sup>1</sup>, Robin Edds<sup>1</sup>, Ilaria Frana<sup>2</sup>, James Griffiths<sup>1</sup>, Paula Menéndez Benito<sup>1</sup>**  
*University of Tübingen<sup>1</sup>, University of Enna Kore<sup>2</sup>*  
Bias in negated (Campania) Italian questions with discourse particles and prosodic prominence
- 12:30 - 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

### SESSION 9

- 14:00 - 14:30 **Roohollah Mofidi<sup>1</sup>, Klaus von Heusinger<sup>2</sup>**  
*Ruhr-Universität Bochum<sup>1</sup>, University of Cologne<sup>2</sup>*  
Differential Object Indexing in Nayini: The complex interaction of animacy, referentiality and grammatical function
- 14:30 - 15:00 **Peter Arkadiev**  
*University of Potsdam*  
Prominence hierarchies and indexing of oblique participants

15:00 – 15:30      **Yanis da Cunha**  
*University of Graz*  
Gender prominence across text genres: a corpus study on English,  
French and Spanish

15:30 – 16:00      COFFEE BREAK

## SESSION 10

16:00 – 16:30      **Bénédicte Grandon<sup>1</sup>, Esther Ruigendijk<sup>2</sup>**  
*Nantes Université<sup>1</sup>, University of Oldenburg<sup>2</sup>*  
The role of marker prominence in the acquisition and processing of  
German noun plurals in school-aged children with and without  
Hearing Loss

16:30 – 17:30      **Invited Speaker: Caroline F. Rowland**  
*MPI Nijmegen, Radboud University Nijmegen*  
The role of multimodal interaction in children's language  
acquisition

17:30                CLOSING REMARKS

Poster Sessions  
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## 23 April - Thursday

### POSTER SESSION 1

16:00 - 17:00

**[1] Derya Çokal and Klaus von Heusinger**

*University of Cologne*

Conceptual vs. Individual Reference: How Domain Structure Shapes the Accessibility of Conceptual and Referential Entities

**[2] Kristin Emmrich and Martina Penke**

*University of Cologne*

Syntactic Priming and Visual Attention Effects on Passive Production in German-Speaking Children With DLD

**[3] Sam Hellmuth<sup>1</sup> and Elisa Passoni<sup>2</sup>**

*University of York<sup>1</sup>, Queen Mary University of London<sup>2</sup>*

When 'not less' is still more: emphatic consonantal lengthening in Multicultural London English

**[4] Evan Hochstein and Jesse Harris**

*University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)*

Cognitive animacy perceptions and the animacy hierarchy

**[5] Jet Hoek<sup>1</sup> and Hans A. Wilke<sup>2</sup>**

*Radboud University<sup>1</sup>, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen<sup>2</sup>*

Individual differences at the Right Frontier

**[6] Jian Ma**

*Humboldt University of Berlin*

Voice Constraints, Prominence Shifts, and Event Structure: An Empirical Study on Potential-for-Change Verbs in Mandarin Chinese and German

**[7] Klymentii Myslyvyi<sup>1</sup>, Janne Lorenzen<sup>2</sup> and Stefan Baumann<sup>1</sup>**

*University of Cologne<sup>1</sup>, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz<sup>2</sup>*

Gestural and accentual prominence are cumulative - An exploratory analysis of a German TED Talk

**[8] Eirik Tengedal**

*Oslo Metropolitan University, University of Oslo*

Estimating prosodic prominences in verb-particle constructions from the Nordic Word Order Database with continuous wavelet transform

**[9] Margaret Zellers**

*Stockholm University*

Multimodal implementation of prominence in overlapping speech

**24 April - Friday**

**POSTER SESSION 2**

10:30 - 11:30

**[1] Stephanie Berger**

*Kiel University*

The distribution of prominent syllables on YouTube - A case study

**[2] Alina Gregori<sup>1</sup>, Pilar Prieto<sup>2,3</sup> and Frank Kügler<sup>1</sup>**

*Goethe University Frankfurt<sup>1</sup>, ICREA<sup>2</sup>, University Pompeu Fabra<sup>3</sup>*

Multimodal prominence relations: post-focal de-accentuation and de-gesticulation in German?

**[3] Katja Jasinskaja and Klaus von Heusinger**

*University of Cologne*

Tracking multiple common grounds: Mismatches in activation

**[4] Simon Roessig<sup>1</sup>, Mortaza Taheri-Ardali<sup>2</sup>, Lena Pagel<sup>1</sup> and Doris Mücke<sup>1</sup>**

*University of Cologne<sup>1</sup>, Carleton University<sup>2</sup>*

Using EMA to Explore Prosodic Strengthening in Persian

**[5] Christopher Saure**

*University of Cologne*

Perspectival prominence: Unlocking perspective shift in indirect discourse

**[6] Tiana V. Simovic and Craig Chambers**

*University of Toronto*

Perspective reasoning as a determinant of entities' prominence in discourse

**[7] Anna Staňková**

*Charles University Prague*

Disambiguating contrastive topic from focus: a case of Czech polar questions