

Naturalistic Approaches to Reference

Workshop at the 46th annual meeting of the DGfS in Bochum, Feb 28th - Mar 1st, 2024

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Psycholinguistic research has in the past decades mainly been limited to the study of short and isolated items consisting of one or two sentences. However, these highly controlled designs fail to fully capture the different levels of linguistic processing and their interplay, which ultimately enable successful language comprehension. A growing number of researchers have therefore started to use naturalistic stimuli in experiments tapping language comprehension. However, the field is still very young and heterogeneous, and there seems to be little interaction within the naturalistic research community.

Aims of this workshop:

- discuss how reference is processed during naturalistic language settings
- discuss naturalistic experiment designs, methods, and results
- foster scientific exchange within the naturalistic research community

We invite presentations on all varieties of (online) methods, as well as presentations with a focus on language in interaction (e.g. on speech-gesture integration or other informative non-speech signals during interaction). Since a gain of "naturalness" leads to a loss in experimental control and an increase in noise, we highly encourage presenters to also present surprising results as well as difficulties or questions they encountered.

Call for papers

We invite submissions for 20-minute presentations (plus 10-minute discussions). Abstracts should be no longer than one A4 page. References and diagrams can be accommodated on a second page. Contributions should be submitted as anonymous PDF files via OxfordAbstracts (Link: <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/6342/submitter>) **Deadline for abstract submission: August 15, 2023.**

For the final conference booklet, you will need to submit a de-anonymized version of your abstract that fits on one page, including references and diagrams. Please keep this in mind already.

Please note that according to DGfS guidelines, you are not allowed to present in more than one workshop at the conference, but you are allowed to participate as a co-author in more than one presentation.