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## #25 | Old and New Beginnings

Dear all,

Summer has flown by and while we are already about to reach the peak of fall, the new semester has just begun.

The start of something new always represents a turning point. The current semester is particularly special as it marks in part a return to in-person lectures and attendance. This is as exciting as it is challenging for all of us. You could say that this semester is a reconfiguration of the old. Looking back at the past one and a half years, a new normal had in many ways become the new routine.

We welcome a couple of new colleagues to the CRC, in the coordinating team Z as well as new PhDs and Post-Docs – welcome! 'What's new with you?' is a question we might ask some colleagues returning to the CRC – welcome back! Earlier this week, the CRC elected a new spokesperson – congratulations to Petra Schumacher who will take over that position from Klaus von Heusinger as of January 1, 2022. Last but not least, we have to say goodbye to a soon-to-be former colleague of ours: Michael Remmy from Team Z is going to leave the CRC at the end of October. We would like to thank him for his contributions to the CRC as a member of the coordination team and wish him all the best for his new professional path ahead.

It is no news that the second funding period has begun. Yet, it somehow feels like as if we have to start at full speed since things are about to regain traction. During the last General Meeting and CRC Day on October 25, we discussed ongoing as well as new activities, projects and objectives in order to further evolve in our research and work.

Therefore, we would like to share updates with you in this latest edition of our newsletter. We hope you will enjoy reading it. In appreciation of the old and in anticipation of the new, we wish everyone a continuing colorful change of seasons! 🍂

– Britt Krukau

## Welcome to the CRC! 😊

Haydar Batuhan Yildiz  
PhD  
B04

1. When I think of the CRC, I think of...



multiple ways in which I'd be of great help for the project I am working on.

**2. The things I look forward to most when returning to the office are...**

Honestly, I am relatively new to the CRC as well as to the office environment. Nevertheless, I look forward to talks with my colleagues in person and coffee breaks.

**3. This is my favorite word/expression, and here's why:**

I cannot remember it word by word, but here comes an excerpt from Jonathan Culler, which kind of changed the way I look at things: "you can make the meaningless meaningful by application of an appropriate context".



Timo Buchholz

Postdoc

C04

**1. When I think of the CRC, I think of...**

so many smart and interesting people being curious together. Nerd utopia!

**2. The things I look forward to most when returning to the office are...**

being able to chat about ideas, questions, puzzles directly with someone, instead of having to schedule a zoom meeting first. Making new friends. When people actually share a space to interact in, oodles and oodles of all kinds of unpredictable wonderfulnesses happen.

**3. This is my favorite word/expression, and here's why:**

赤信号	akashingō
みんなで渡れば	minnade watareba
怖くない	kowakunai

If we all cross the traffic light when it's red, it's not scary anymore

I'm not sure this is really my absolute favourite, and it also stretches the definition of "expression" a little. It's a kind of joke by Beat Takeshi (Kitano Takeshi), and somewhat whimsically pushed into the shape (almost) of a Japanese haiku. I'm sure there are other interpretations available, but for me it has always expressed the idea that if we work together, we can do a lot of things that seemed totally unthinkable. Even outlandish things like crossing a red traffic light.

Derya Cokal

Postdoc

C04

**1. When I think of the CRC...**

I think of new challenges and opportunities.



## 2. The things I look forward to most when returning to the office are...

working and learning with new colleagues.

## 3. This is my favorite word/expression, and here's why:

I won't say no to either.

The reason for my expression: to make decisions, I need as much information as possible but I'm always open to opposing views.



Svenja Bonmann

Postdoc

B05

## 1. When I think of the CRC, I think of...

... the impressive amount of cutting-edge scientific output the CRC produces.

## 2. The things I look forward to most when returning to the office are...

... face-to-face discussions with colleagues about a whole range of topics. Apart from that, I look forward to hearing many creative new apologies of DB trying to convince me that nobody could have expected winter (big surprise every year!), or storms, or copper thefts, or disturbances to signals or whatever else may be the cause for a three-and-a-half-hour journey back home. Really interested in the new excuses. And maybe, with a bit of luck, a new record in terms of commuting time can be set (4 hours?). Fingers crossed!

## 3. This is my favorite word/expression, and here's why:

\**kléuos ḡd<sup>h</sup>g<sup>uh</sup>itom* because of its phonaesthetics and its cultural implications. You cannot find an expression more Indo-European than this one.



Welcome Back! 😊

Frederike Weeber (PhD C04) was on parental leave and is now back in the CRC! We're happy to have you back!

## Other Staff News 📢

We say goodbye to a soon-to-be former colleague of ours: Michael Remmy from Team Z is going to leave the CRC at the end of October. We would like to thank him for his contributions to the CRC as a member of the coordination team and wish him all the best for his new professional path ahead. 🙌



Britt Krukau and Cornelia Ehlen-Stein are the new members of the coordination team and happy to help you with your questions!



Umesh Patil has joined the CRC to support a short-term collaboration between C05 and C07 that looks more closely at potential differences between two types of demonstrative pronouns in German and the role of perspective taking. Umesh will also sustain the research of C07 while [Clare Patterson](#) serves as deputy professor at TU Dortmund.



We are pleased that Andreas Trotzke will start as a professoral substitute in the CRC this semester. Andreas Trotzke's research interests include the syntax-pragmatics interface.



Stefan Baumann has just attained the title of apl. Prof. Congratulations! 🎉



Kurt Malcher, former PhD in B05, defended his dissertation at the beginning of October. Congratulations, Kurt! 🎉



Eva Windbergs, student assistant in Team Z, has joined the [a.r.t.e.s Research Master Programme](#) this semester! We wish you best of luck with that! 🍀

Z



We are urgently looking for a student assistant (m/f/d) for project Z with focus on IT support. If you know someone looking for a job, please forward the job advertisement to them. You can find all information here: [Link](#)

## Overview of Guests

### Katsumasa Ito

Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
der JSPS (Japan Society for  
the Promotion of Science)  
from Tokyo (Sophia  
University)  
Scholarship

**Duration:** 14 months starting  
November 8th, 2021

**Contact:** Klaus von  
Heusinger

### Prof. Dr. Jaklin Kornfilt

Syracuse University

**Duration:** November 15-19,  
2021

**Contact:** Klaus von  
Heusinger



## Past Workshops, Lectures and Presentations

- **Phonetics and Phonology in Europe 2021**: Christine Röhr, Stefan Baumann & Martine Grice gave an oral presentation at this year's PaPe *Expecting the unusual: The prosodic interpretation of contextual information* on June 21 in Barcelona.
- **Phonetics and Phonology in Europe 2021**: Also at PaPe, Eleanor Chodroff, Stefan Baumann & Jennifer Cole gave an oral presentation on *Prenuclear accents are not just ornamental: Effects of information structure on prenuclear prominence in American English and German* on June 21 in Barcelona.
- **27th Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP) conference**: Judith Schlenter, Barbara Zeyer and Martina Penke gave a short talk named *Does the Animated First Principle hold for picture naming too?* at this year's AMLaP conference, which took place in Paris September 2-4.
- Also at **AMLaP**: Brilmayer, Ingmar & Petra B. Schumacher: *Referential chains: Predictive processes and form-to-function mapping as revealed by naturalistic story stimuli using EEG*.
- And a final presentation that took place at **AMLaP**: Repp, Magdalena & Petra B. Schumacher: *Costs of newness during referential processing - self-paced reading and EPR data*.
- **Epenthesis and Beyond**: Martine Grice gave an invited virtual presentation at the workshop on Epenthesis, which took place September 17-19.
- **Paris Cologne Collaborative Meeting 7 (PCCM7)**: PhDs from the CRC 1252 and students of Phonetics were at the Université de Paris at a workshop on Quantification and Interpretation of Variability in Speech on October 5-8. The workshop was organised by Martine Grice and Ioana Chitoran (Université de Paris) and funded by the Franco-German University. After initial tutorials from Bodo Winter, one of our Mercator Fellows, mixed groups each designed an experiment based on a developed Bayesian inference that will be carried out over the next year. They will reconvene in Cologne in 2022 to present and discuss their results.
- **12th International Conference on Experimental Linguistics (ExLing 2021)**: Judith Schlenter, Yulia Esaulova, Barbara Zeyer and Martina Penke (B06) gave a talk *Effects of agent position and orientation on perception and production* at this year's ExLing conference, which took place in Athens, Greece from October 11-13.
- **X. NEREUS Workshop**: This workshop was organized by Marco García García (B04) and took place in Freiburg October 22-23. There were presentations by Marco García García and Klaus von Heusinger.

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## Review R Stats Group



Here comes a brief review of the last few R Stats Group meetings held on July 27, August 10 and October 5:

In their July meeting, they looked at group means, talked about what models are and looked at how group mean differences are represented by a very basic linear model. If you are interested, you can access the recording and script [here](#).

In their August meeting, they looked at another example of a simple linear model (this time with a continuous covariate), looked at scatterplots to understand the regression line, model predictions and residuals. Additionally, they introduced a simple

model fit statistic and talked about plots and how to change their look. If you are interested, you can access the recording and the R script using this [link](#).

In their meeting in October, they learned about contrast coding of categorical variables and how different contrasts codings affect the meaning of coefficients in linear models with interactions between factors. Specifically, they introduced sum contrasts in order to have the model estimate main effects. They applied this when finishing the analysis of a 2x2 acceptability judgement experiment. If you are interested in the session, you can access the recording and the R scripts [here](#).

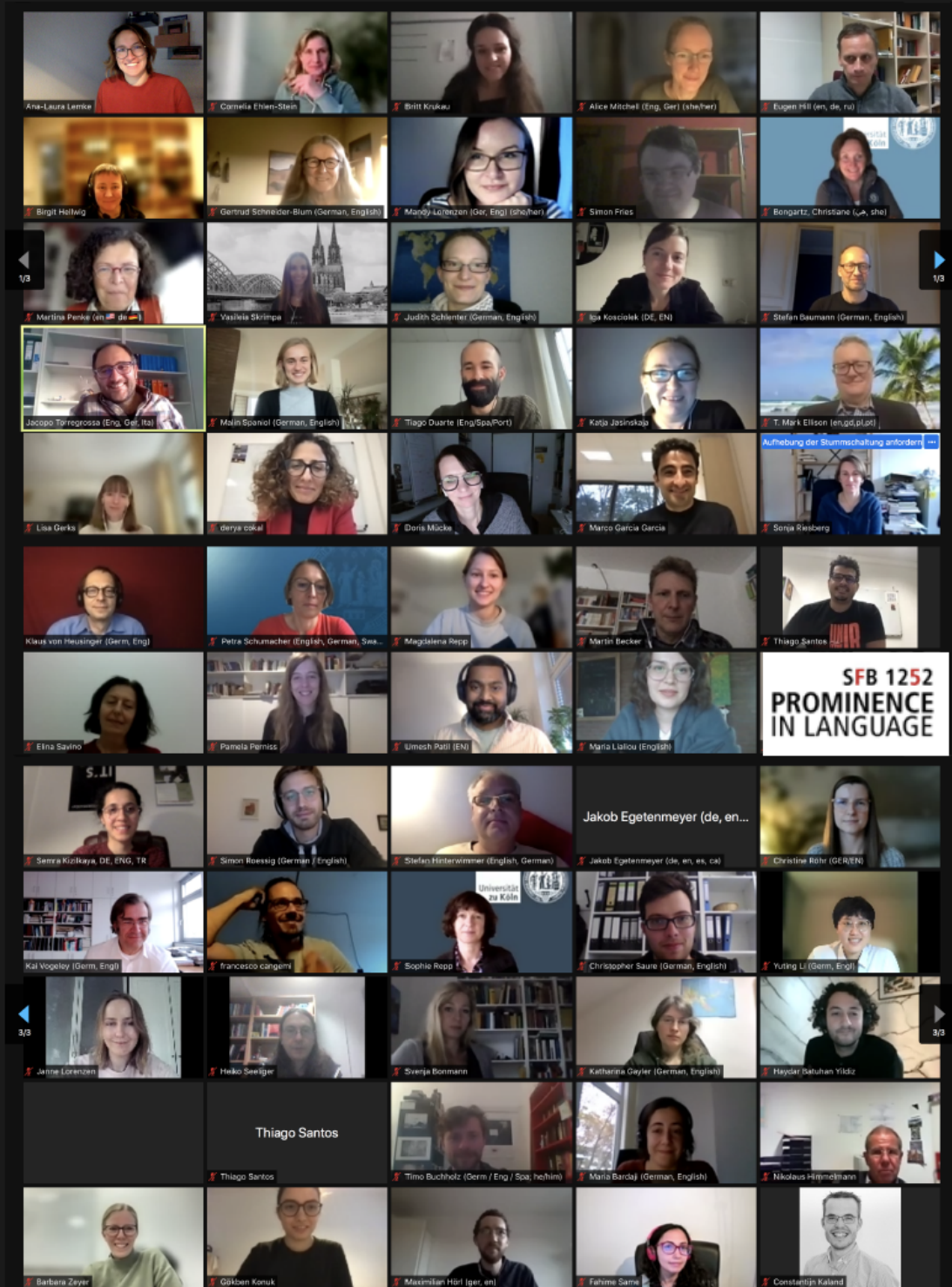
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## CRC Day 3



## 3rd CRC Day - October 25, 2021

### Prominence in Language



On October 25 we all came together to attend the 3rd virtual CRC Day. On this occasion, we followed up on project presentations and got together for bilateral project meetings. The CRC Days series is a great opportunity not only to welcome our new members but also to promote exchange, share ideas and foster further collaboration between the different projects within the CRC. We would like to thank Stefan Baumann, Martina Penke and Jacopo Torregrossa for setting up a stimulating program, and for organizing this day. We also thank Ana-Laura Lemke for her support behind the scenes.



## Save the Date!

(probably) February 8, 2022      Mini-Klausurtagung

June 2-3, 2022      Prominence Conference

## Upcoming Conferences, Workshops and Lectures

- **DOM in Catalan (and Romance) and language contact:** On November 4-5 there will be a workshop with the guest researcher Anna Pineda, who is affiliated to the CRC. She is an Alexander von Humboldt scholarship holder and is supervised by Marco García García and Klaus von Heusinger.
- **"The 20 years of Experimental Pragmatics Symposium":** Some giraffes have long necks. Really? ... No matter whether you think this utterance is true or false, sentences like this which include scalar expressions have been at the center of research in experimental pragmatics since the early days of the field. 20 years ago, Ira Noveck (CNRS Paris) (co-)authored two seminal papers that contributed to shape the research field of experimental pragmatics in important ways (Noveck 2001 on scalars and Noveck, Bianco, Castry 2001 on metaphor). To celebrate this anniversary, a virtual symposium will take place November 11-12, 2021. "The 20 years of Experimental Pragmatics Symposium" will be organized in two afternoon sessions, one devoted to scalar implicatures (November 11) and one devoted to metaphor (November 12). Petra Schumacher (A01, C07, C09) will serve as chair for the session on metaphors, looking at the state of the art and future directions in experimental pragmatics.

## CCLS Lecture Series & LAK



[CCLS Lecture Series](#) (Mondays 2 p.m.) with talks for example by

- Bodo Winter (CRC Mercator-Fellow), which took place on October 11 on *Statistics in linguistics: Thoughts on recurrent issues and pedagogy*
- Jason Bishop (CRC Mercator-Fellow), which will take place on January 10, 2022

[LAK](#) (Wednesdays 4 p.m.) with talks for example by

- Andreas Trotzke, which took place on October 20 on *Information structure and expressivity*
- Derya Cokal, which will take place on November 3 on *What do plural pronouns tell us about disagreements? Profiling schizophrenia and emotional neglect linguistically*
- Heiko Seeliger, which will take place on December 8 on *And the winner is... How to make com-promises between illocution, information structure and prosodic requirements for accent placement*

## Recent Publications

- Baumann, Stefan, Jane Mertens & Janina Kalbertodt. 2021. [The influence of informativeness on the prosody of sentence topics](#). *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 6(1): 95, 1–28. | [A07](#)
- Brilmayer, Ingmar & Petra B. Schumacher. 2021. [Referential Chains Reveal Predictive Processes and Form-to-Function Mapping: An EEG Study Using Naturalistic Story Stimuli](#). *Frontiers in Psychology* 12, 623648. | [B07](#), [C07](#)
- Compes, Isabel. 2021. [The morphology of argument marking in the Wagi dialect of Beria](#). *Studies in African Linguistics* 50(2). 196–226. | [B02](#)
- Egetenmeyer, Jakob. 2021. [Genre determining prediction: Non-standard TAM marking in football language](#). *Frontiers in Communication* 6. 1–18. | [C02](#)
- Kaland, Constantijn & Matthew Gordon. 2021. [How f0 and Phrase Position Affect Papuan Malay Word Identification](#). *Proceedings Interspeech 2021*, 2606–2610. pdf | [A03](#)
- Patterson, Clare & Petra B. Schumacher. 2021. [Interpretation Preferences in Contexts with three Antecedents: Examining the Role of Prominence in German Pronouns](#). *Applied Psycholinguistics* 1–35. | [C07](#)
- Riesberg, Sonja, Maria Bardaji i Farré, Kurt Malcher & Nikolaus P. Himmelmann. 2021. [Predicting voice choice in symmetrical voice languages. All the things that do not work in Totoli](#). *Studies in Language*. | [B05](#)
- Winter, Bodo & Martine Grice. 2021. [Independence and generalizability in linguistics](#). *Linguistics* 59(5). 1251–1277. | [A02](#), [C09](#)
- Zimmermann, Juliane T., Sara Meuser, Stefan Hinterwimmer & Kai Vogeley. 2021. [Preserved Perspective Taking in Free Indirect Discourse in Autism Spectrum Disorder](#). *Frontiers in Psychology* 12: 2710. | [A02](#), [C05](#)

[Link to all publications](#)

**Anything new coming up?** If you want to be featured in the next newsletter, please drop Eva Windbergs or Britt Krukau a line at: [ewindbel@uni-koeln.de](mailto:ewindbel@uni-koeln.de) or [bkrukau1@uni-koeln.de](mailto:bkrukau1@uni-koeln.de)

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