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#20 / Behind the Scenes

Dear all,

on the surface everything seems calm: the HoP is not exactly crowded, the main building of the university is empty, at the Philosophikum you are lucky to meet a living soul by accident. But behind the scenes, one senses the hustle and bustle. The DFG-decision comes soon as will the hybrid winter term at university. With [Zoom-Meetings](#) and [Home Office](#) remaining our constant companions we learned a lot in a short time. And we will continue to learn.

All the best,
Eva Mika

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The CRC joined Social Media!
You find us on [Twitter](#): Prominence in Language, @sfb1252
and on [YouTube](#), where we can finally upload presentations of conferences CRC-members attended and contributed to.
If you have anything you want to upload on the CRC-Channel, let me know (emika(at)uni-koeln.de).



CRC on the road (Online-edition) 📷

- Judith Schlenter and Elyesa Seidel from B06 presented a poster at (digital) [AMLaP 2020](#): "We had a 1.5 hours time slot on Jitsi for the presentation. Beforehand, we uploaded a 3-minute introductory video together with the PDF poster on the Open

Science Framework. In the Jitsi Meeting we shared the screen with the audience to discuss our experimental findings. As much as we would have liked to drink a coffee with other researchers and chat with them in person, we enjoyed lively discussions not only during our Jitsi time slot but also in the breaks. The organizers at Potsdam did a fantastic job, especially by including different platforms like Gather as a meeting space during the breaks. Not only did we receive helpful feedback on our research, by attending AMLaP we also strengthened our digital competence 😊 ".

- Project C07 also attended this years AMLaP, presenting a poster. On our YouTube-Chanel you can see the full [presentation as a video](#).

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10th International workshop on
Referential Expressions in Discourse (RED)

Digital Workshop
17. - 18. September 2020
Organized by Jet Hoek (University of Cologne) &
Klaus von Heusinger (University of Cologne)

Invited Speakers
Mira Ariel, Tel Aviv University
Chiara Gianollo, Università di Bologna
Hans Kamp, Universität Stuttgart
Sofiana Lindemann, Universitatea
Transilvania din Braşov
Caterina Mauri, Università di Bologna
Edgar Onea, Universität Graz
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Alina Tigău, Universitatea din Bucureşti
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- From September 17 - 18, 2020 the workshop Prominent Inferences, organized by Jet Hoek and Klaus von Heusinger, took place. As part of the series [Referential Expressions in Discourse \(RED\)](#) the workshop was held online as a zoom event for the first time. More than 50 participants exchanged views on the relation between prominence and inferences with the focus on how inferences affect the prominence of other elements in the discourse, for example discourse references. The workshop, which was designed for exchange, was also more than successful in the digital format: the one-hour lecture sessions gave enough time for discussion and exchange. The breaks in

small breakout sessions rounded off this successful event.

Reviewed

Two years ago Sonja Riesberg (B05), Asako Shiohara & Atsuko Utsumi published "Perspectives on information structure in Austronesian languages". Now, [a review by Prof. Dr. Dejan Matic](#) (University of Münster), who is a DFG reviewer for our CRC, has been published in *Language*.



B07, A01 and A02: Call for Papers 📢



Prediction is a central mechanism in the human language processing architecture, and there has been a lively debate about what form prediction may take. While predictions are a ubiquitous finding, their kind and strength seems to depend on (at least) three sources of variability in language processing:

- Intra- and inter-individual differences
- Stylistic variability
- Converging vs. diverging evidence from various methods (e.g., experimental, corpus-based). The aim of this Research Topic is to develop a better understanding of prediction

in light of these three sources of variability. Contributions (e.g., original research, opinion pieces) from all areas of empirical psycho- and neurolinguistics are welcome. Contributions must explicitly address variability and variation in language and language processing. Of course, contributions focusing on the relationship between linguistic prominence and predictions are more than welcome! More information on deadlines etc. can be found [here](#).

Staff News



Dear CRC members,
As of September 1, I am no longer the post-doc on the C04 project, since I have started a position as an assistant professor at Radboud University Nijmegen. While I am sad to leave my position in this stimulating CRC project, I will not be gone entirely – I will still be collaborating with the C04 members on prominence in discourse, and am looking forward to visiting Cologne when the situation allows for these kinds of luxuries again! Until then, I can be contacted on my new email address: j.hoek@let.ru.nl.
All the best,
Jet



Sonja Riesberg (B05) is going to Paris. She was successful in the linguistics section of this year's international competition

organized by the French national research agency (CNRS). Sonja will therefore not continue her post-doc in Cologne and leave the CRC by the end of the year to take up a permanent position at the Laboratoire LACITO, which specializes in field research on under-documented linguistic communities. In case of renewal, however, she will remain with the CRC as a Co-PI of B05. À bientôt and a good start! 🇫🇷



Maria Katarzyna Prenner (B01), also known as Nini, leaves the CRC by the end of October to take up a post-doc position at the Slavic department of the Justus-Liebig-University in Gießen. She can be contacted via [Maria.Prenner\(at\)slavistik.uni-giessen.de](mailto:Maria.Prenner@slavistik.uni-giessen.de) (from 1.11.2020 on). We wish her all the best! 🌟



Uta Reinöhl (B03) and her partner Ayal Belling had a little baby boy, Amos Yosef Belling, on September 29, 2020. They are very happy and sleep-deprived.

Congratulations! 🍀



Petra Schumacher (A01 and C07) will be back from maternity leave in November. 🥳
"I particularly look forward to joining the a.r.t.e.s. class 8 meetings again and to hearing about the progress of our PhD students. Many of them have recently submitted their dissertations or are in the final push and it will be exciting to learn about each and everyone's take-home message", she said.



Congratulations to Marco García García (B04), who has been appointed to the University of Potsdam. However, we hope that we can keep on working together in Cologne 😎



The DFG Review Board Linguistics (104) elected our colleague Nikolaus P. Himmelmann (A03 and B05) as its speaker. Congratulations! 🥳

NewZ



India, former student assistant at the helpdesk for travel expenses, is now on travels herself: This photo was taken at the Dragon Bridge in Ljubljana. Next stop is Bulgaria, where India will pursue an internship. Wishing her all the best! Renate Möller, our latest team member in [project Z](#), supports you in her position as student assistant in travel expenses. She also supports communication.
@: [renate.moeller\(at\)uni-koeln.de](mailto:renate.moeller@uni-koeln.de).

Recent publications 📖

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