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## #21 / What we did was to successfully extend the CRC

Dear all,

we had a theme that kept us busy all year – and with that I do not refer to the Coronavirus with all its implications regarding our daily (working) routine. I am referring to the CRC proposal, which the whole CRC worked on and which showed what team spirit means. The very positive evaluation eventually led to a positive decision by the DFG which is not only a result of this united engagement but of course also confirms the great research carried out by the CRC projects. So at the end of this year, we can lean back and give ourselves a well-deserved rest before the next episode of "CRC spirit" starts in 2021.

A merry Christmas 🎄 and a happy new year ✨ to all of you!

Best wishes,  
Eva Mika



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## Events

After several informal Zoom celebrations we are happy to start the 2nd phase of the CRC with a series of talks presenting the most recent research results. ↓



**Congratulations** to these five PhDs who finalized and presented their thesis by the end of 2020 🥂 !

Caterina Ventura (A01) on top-down and bottom-up effects during the processing of post-focal prominence.

Christoph Bracks (A03) on the prosody-syntax interface in Totoli.

Simon Rössig (A04) on categoriality and

continuity in prosodic prominence.  
Diego Romero Heredero (B04) on verbal semantics and DOM in Spanish.  
Frank Zickenheiner (C06) on goals in discourse from action to rhetorical relations.

CRC members will be attending a number of events in the upcoming weeks. These include the **CCLS Lecture Series** (Mon. 14:00-15:30) with presentations by Martina Penke and Judith Schlenker (11.01.2021), Christiane Bongartz and Jacopo Torregrossa (18.01.2021), and Melanie Uth and Nuria Martinez Garcia (25.01.2021)...



... as well as the **IfL Phonetics Research Colloquium** (Mon. 16:00-17:30), with contributions by Jacopo Torregrossa (18.01.2021) and Simon Wehrle (25.01.2021).

Last but certainly not least, members and associates of the CRC will be attending the **Linguistisches Kolloquium der Romanistik** (LKR) (Tue. 17:45-20:15) with contributions by Eric Engel (15.12.2020), Diego Romero Herodero & Simon Rössig (17.12.2020) and Alessia Cassara (02.02.2021).

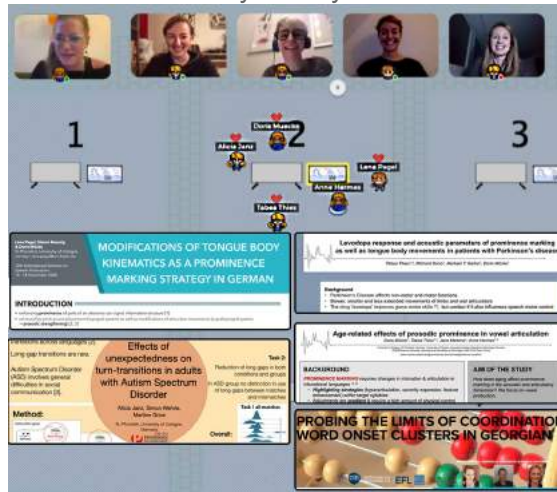
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## CRC on the road (Online-edition) ■

Projects A02+ A04 attended and contributed to digital ISSP 2020.  
Here are their impressions:

"We just finished our presentations at the International Seminar on Speech Production (ISSP). The conference was launched virtually on three platforms: zoom, discord and gather.town. The main interaction took place in gather.town. On this platform, you run around with an avatar, presenting and visiting posters and talks. At the beginning it is a bit confusing. You bump into colleagues

or you run away from them, because you are not able to control your keyboard....



But then it turned out that especially the poster sessions were very chatty and that a virtual conference can be really fun. We had several posters to present and got home with tons of feedback via the different channels. Definitely amazing and better than expected. You should just be good with your internet connection, because you never know if your wife also wants you to join the conference. Be prepared for the next conference and mind your cursor!"

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## Staff News



Marco García García accepted the offer to stay at the University of Cologne and declined the call to the University of Potsdam. We are all very happy that Marco will stay and thus further strengthen the profile of linguistics. 😊



Martine Grice wins the Leo-Spitzer-Prize of the University of Cologne for her linguistic research. Congratulations! 🍷

In [this video](#), she explains her main area of research.



We welcome Leo, the latest SFBaby. Congratulations to Sara Meuser (C05) and her family! 🍀

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## Ending Projects

With the end of the first funding period we say goodbye to the following projects. THANK YOU for your work, research and engagement! 🙌



[A05 - Prominence marking and language](#)

### [contact in Spanish](#)

The basic goal of the project was to determine the most important prominence marking strategies in Yucatecan Spanish against the background of the variety's longstanding and ongoing contact with Yucatec Maya. Melanie Uth received calls from two German universities. Nuria Martínez García will defend her thesis in January 2021.



### [B03 - Agent prominence and the diachrony of predication in Indo-Aryan](#)

The project studied the role of agent prominence in the initial phase of the development of Old Indic participial forms into main clause nuclei.

Uta Reinoehl, who got a full professorship at University of Freiburg, is currently on parental leave. Antje Casaretto took the interim professorship at the University of Freiburg, which started on November, 26. Gerrit Dimmendaal is retiring in March 2021.



### [B07 - Agentivity as a key to prominence: Experimental approaches to argument alternations in German](#)

The project explored the question of whether the privileged status of agentive and animate verbal arguments can be explained by the notion of prominence. Franziska Kretschmar got a position at the IDS in Mannheim. [Beatrice Primus](#) has passed away on 29 November, 2019.



### [C01 - Prominence and information structure](#)

The project's research aimed at a better understanding of the relation between prominence and information structure.

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## NewZ



Please note that from December 23 to January 6, 2020 the Helpdesk will remain closed. 🧑‍🎄 🧑‍🎄

On January 7, 2021 the Helpdesk will be back with renewed energies to help you with your inquiries.

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## Recent publications 📖

Casaretto, Antje. 2020. On secondary predicates in Vedic Sanskrit – Syntax and semantics. *International Journal of Diachronic Linguistics and Linguistic Reconstruction* 17. 1–63. [pdf](#)

Fuchs, Melanie & Petra B. Schumacher. 2020. Referential shift potential of demonstrative pronouns - Evidence from text continuation. In Åshild Næss, Anna Margetts & Yvonne Treis (eds.), [Demonstratives in Discourse](#), 185–213. Berlin: Language Science Press.

von Heusinger, Klaus & Roya Sadeghpour.

2020. The specificity marker -e with indefinite noun phrases in Modern Colloquial Persian. In Kata Balogh, Anja Latrouite & Robert D. Van Valin, Jr. (eds.), [Nominal anchoring: Specificity, definiteness and article systems across languages](#), 115–147. Berlin: Language Science Press. [pdf](#)

Himmelmann, Nikolaus P. 2020. Grammaticisation processes and reanalyses in Sulawesi languages. In Andrej Malchukov & Walter Bisang (eds.), [Areal patterns of grammaticalization and cross-linguistic variation in grammaticalization scenarios](#), 1043–1075. Berlin: de Gruyter.

Hinterwimmer, Stefan, Andreas Brocher & Umesh Patil. 2020. [Demonstrative Pronouns as Anti-Logophoric Pronouns: An Experimental Investigation](#). *Dialogue & Discourse* 11(2). 110–127. preprint: [pdf](#)

Kretzschmar, Franziska & Ingmar Brilmayer. 2020. Zooming in on agentivity: Experimental studies of DO-clefts in German. *Linguistics Vanguard* 6(1). 1–13. [pdf](#)

Same, Fahime & Kees van Deemter. 2020. [A linguistic perspective on reference: choosing a feature set for generating referring expressions in context](#). Proceedings of the 28th international conference on computational linguistics (COLING) (Online-Konferenz), 4575–4586. Barcelona, Spain (Online): International Committee on Computational Linguistics.

Same, Fahime & Kees van Deemter. 2020. [Computational interpretations of recency for the choice of referring expressions in discourse](#). Proceedings of the first workshop on computational approaches to discourse (Online-Konferenz), 113–123. Online: Association for Computational Linguistics.

Uth, Melanie & Nuria Martínez García. 2020. [Circumflex nuclear configurations in Yucatecan Spanish as a supraregional feature: The roles of bilingualism and gender](#). Special issue of *Language and Speech* (Experimental and Theoretical Advances in Prosody (ETAP)) 4.

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Anything new coming up?