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#28 | Keeping busy

Dear all,

The publication of our previous edition in February happened to be on the first day of the war in Ukraine. Too many days of war have since gone by. Our world has changed. Millions of people have been forced to flee their country. People, governments and societies from around the world as well as the scientific community stand in solidarity with Ukraine. In addition to its general Prominence Fellowship Programme, the CRC has opened a call for two exceptional refugee fellowships for researchers from both Ukraine and Russia to give them the opportunity to work with us in Cologne for up to six months. Our call has also been published on [Linguistics for Ukraine](#), a platform that shares offers from German-speaking academia to help linguists currently affected by the war in Ukraine. 🇺🇦

Germany has scored highest in the latest Academic Freedom Index (AFI) survey conducted by the University of Gothenburg and FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg. We are privileged to continue to be able to live and work in a safe environment whereas globally, the AFI has decreased substantially over the past decade.

Speaking of work, we would like to present and look back on the CRC's most recent activities. After an in-person semester start at the University of Cologne, we were delighted to meet with future scientists as part of this year's "KölnerKinderUni" (Cologne Children's University) in which the CRC took part. Preparations for the 3rd International Conference "Prominence in Language" in June are up and running. Last but not least, we are happy to announce that some talented individuals have joined our staff, some are here as guests and some will stay more permanently. Please greet them below!

Warm wishes,
Britt Krukau

Fellowships for Refugee Researchers from Ukraine or Russia

Given the current political situation, the CRC invites applications for short-term fellowships for refugee researchers from Ukraine or Russia to work in the CRC in 2022 for a maximum duration of six months. Find the full call [here](#). The call is open until May 5.



Welcome to the CRC!



Junior Fellows

The CRC warmly welcomes the first two junior short-term fellows: While Florence Baills (University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona) will work in project A07 until September, Daniela Mereu (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano) will support team A02 until June. Welcome to Cologne! 😊



Welcome back, Clare!

For this past winter semester, Clare was assigned as Substitute Professor in the German department at TU Dortmund. We are glad to have her back and are curious to learn more about her latest deployment.

For those of us who had missed the beginnings of your journey: what led to your time as Substitute Professor; how did this opportunity come along?

It was somewhat out of the blue! I was contacted by Prof. Sarah Schimke (Professor of German Linguistics at TU Dortmund), whom I have known for a long time. She was looking for a substitute to cover teaching in the department for the winter semester, because her department is in the process of recruiting a W3 Professor. She knew my career stage and thought that I might benefit from getting some more teaching experience. After discussing it with Petra (who was very supportive), I agreed in principle, after which I had to be approved by the faculty in Dortmund.

How did you prepare for this assignment? Did you follow certain precautions?

First of all, we had to re-organise our plans in project C07 - luckily Umesh Patil was able to join the project for the winter semester. At the same time, I had four new seminar courses and a workshop to prepare for, so I wanted to write a lot of course materials in advance. In the end, I wasn't as far ahead with preparation as I planned, so the semester was very hectic at times!

What were your most ordinary, unexpected and challenging experiences during that time?

Ordinary: Two of the seminars were online only, so logging on to Zoom while sitting at my desk at home in Cologne was very familiar.

Unexpected: One of my courses was *Introduction to Linguistics*, and as I was preparing, I was very surprised that I remembered a lot of the examples from my first term as an undergraduate linguistics student (more than 20 years ago now!!).

Challenging: Trying to get to grips with the varying exam and credit requirements; introducing students to the IPA while everyone was wearing a mask.

What did you miss most?

Colleagues at the SFB, and having time to think about research.

And what will you miss most now?

Thinking about ways that linguistic research can inform practice in schools and classrooms.

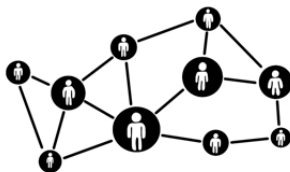
Is there anything that you won't miss from your time as Substitute Professor?

Signing hundreds of PDF documents!

What were your take-home messages?

I learned a huge amount about teaching - too much to list here! It was a very beneficial experience, which I hope will be useful for my future career. I'm really grateful that it was possible.

C03



C03 is gaining new members 🎉

Project C03 announces that they will grow again - They are welcoming Sonja Eisenbeiss back to the CRC, soon to be joined by another Postdoc colleague.

Z



Vacancy in Z 📝

Project Z is looking for a student assistant supporting the administration of the CRC with focus on the processing of contracts. If you know anyone who might be interested, please forward the job advertisement to them. Find all vacancies [here](#).

Goodbye! 👐

Judith Schlenter (B06)

Judith (Postdoc, B06) joined project B06 in September 2019 and



impressed us all with her working attitude and purposefulness. During her stay in the project, she conducted a number of experiments (aesthetic judgement tasks, picture naming (lab and zoom), eye-tracking) on the influence of case-marking, animacy and visual properties on language production. Judith held 9 talks at national and international conferences and authored 4 papers on her research in the project. She also organized a workshop on eye-tracking and language production at the annual meeting of the DGfS in Freiburg in 2021 as well as a CRC event on research funding. Judith is now off to Norway to conduct her own research project and we wish her all the best and success in pursuing her scientific career. 🍀



Lucia Madro (Z)

After working in the CRC for four years, in which our colleague Lucia Madro from team Z has extended many contracts of student assistants and was always a friendly face of the Helpdesk-Team, she will now pursue a student assistant job at the WDR (Westdeutscher Rundfunk). We're sad to see her go, but wish her all the best! 🦒🦁

Past Conferences, Workshops and Interviews 📢

- Project C06 organized the [22nd Szklarska Poreba Workshop](#) *On the roots of Pragmasemantics* which was held in an online-format on March 4-7, 2022.
 - On March 25-26, the 19th [StaPs](#) (Sprachwissenschaftliche Tagung für Promotionsstudierende) took place online, which was co-organized by Barbara Zeyer (PhD, B06) this year.
 - Maria Bardají (PhD B05) gave an interview to the Catalan radio station *Catalunya Radio* on the travel radio show *Els viatgers de la gran anaconda*. They talk about various parts of the world from different angles: history, biology, anthropology, etc. and sometimes even linguistics. This time they talked about the Tolitoli region and its language. Maria explained parts of her research and some other interesting (socio-)linguistic facts about the language, its music and the culture. She talks in the first half of the show, which you can find [here](#) (in Catalan).
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KölnerKinderUni 🧑🧒

Petra Schumacher's team participated in this year's „[KölnerKinderUni](#)“ (Children's University) and offered a workshop on the topic *Secrets of our language: Can language be investigated in the laboratory?* After a short interactive introduction by Petra Schumacher, the children had the chance

to learn about different linguistic methods such as self-paced reading, EEG and eye tracking during a fun rally through the XLinC Lab. Other CRC projects are encouraged to contribute a lecture or workshop for next year's KinderUni as well.



Save the Date!

April 28: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

CRC Semester kick-off at Stadtgarten

Please remember to let us know if you can join and RSVP until April 25 to: [sfb1252-helpdesk\(at\)uni-koeln.de](mailto:sfb1252-helpdesk(at)uni-koeln.de)

June 2-3

3rd International Conference *Prominence in Language* ([ICPL III](#))

July 4-5

4th Networking Workshop of the CRCs from Cologne, Potsdam, Saarbrücken and (for the first time) Berlin at Leibniz-ZAS (Berlin) and online. This year's theme will be "Alternatives, contexts and variation". Find further information [here](#) and contact Heiko Seeliger, if you would like to participate.

Upcoming Conferences, Workshops and Lectures

- Petra Schumacher will be a keynote speaker at the [Experiments in Linguistic Meaning \(ELM\)](#) conference to be hosted by the University of Pennsylvania on May 18-20, 2022.



Postdoc Career Development Workshop & Lecture Series

Cumulative habilitation and alternative (international) paths

Friday, June 24th, 2022 | 10:00-12:30
Spitzboden (House of Prominence)

Presentations and discussions concerning
Cumulative habilitation – formalities and experience
Junior professorship
International career paths

Speakers:

PD Stefan Hinterwimmer (University of Wuppertal)
Prof. Wolfram Nitsch (University of Cologne)
Prof. Pamela Perniss (University of Cologne)
Dr. Sonja Riesberg (Laboratoire LaCITO, CNRS, Paris)
Prof. Jacopo Torregrossa (Goethe University Frankfurt)

Please register before May 29th, 2022 via email:
j.egetenmeyer@uni-koeln.de



On Friday, June 24, 10:00 - 12:30h, the second Postdoc career development workshop on *Cumulative habilitation and alternative (international) paths* will take place in the HoP. Find further details in the poster. The workshop primarily addresses CRC Postdocs, however, a few places will be made available to further Postdocs from the university. Therefore, if you are interested, it is important to register (informally) with an e-mail to Jakob Egetenmeyer by May 29.

Symposium Neurospeech

The hybrid and interdisciplinary symposium on Neurospeech will combine linguistic and neurological speech research. This Symposium (and the accompanying workshop, s. below) are supported by the CRC and a cooperation with the department of neurology of the University Hospital Cologne.

In the symposium, topics of speech motor control in scientific and clinical context will be discussed providing the following [program](#). It is believed to be important for linguistic research to understand how language systems can be impaired when people exhibit speech motor and cognitive impairments. The keynote speaker will be Frank Guenther (Boston University, DIVA model of speech motor control). Even though the symposium is hybrid, the organizers are happy about every participant in presence. Registration is free of charge, but please register in advance [here](#).

When? June 20 (3:00 - 7:15 p. m.)

Where? Neuer Senatssaal, Hauptgebäude, Uni Köln - or online

BRAIN Modulation | SPEECH Motor Control

INVITATION

NEUROSPEECH COLOGNE

Save the date!
20. June 2022
3 pm CET

HYBRID
WORKSHOP ON NEUROSCIENCE
AND SPEECH PRODUCTION

We look forward to topics of speech motor control in scientific and clinical context with the following speakers:

Frank Guenther
(Boston University)

Antje Mefferd
(Vanderbilt University)

Sarah Harper
(UC, San Francisco)

Tabea Thies
(UoC, Cologne)

Elina Tripoliti
(UCL, London)

Benjamin Parrell
(UW, Madison)

You can participate on site or online. We do not charge a participation fee, but we would like you to register [HERE](#).

The workshop is organized by
Doris Mücke & Tabea Thies (University of Cologne, IfL Phonetik)
Michael T. Barbe (University Hospital of Cologne, Department of Neurology)

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A workshop accompanying the symposium will take place on June 22 from 9:30 - 12:15h at IfL Phonetics Lab Cologne (Herbert-Lewin-Strasse 6, seminarroom). It is on *Speech Kinematic Assessment Approaches of Impaired Speakers: Speed, Amplitude, and Beyond*.

This workshop will provide an overview of various kinematic assessment approaches that are currently used to characterize speech motor performance in impaired speakers. The first part of the workshop will be used to address important fundamental topics, such as different approaches to head movement correction, dimension reduction, and kinematic measurement error calculation. Antje Mefferd (Hearing and Speech Science, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, USA) will illustrate how such kinematic analyses can be completed in a MATLAB-based program called SMASH (Speech Movement Analysis for Speech and Hearing research, Green et al., 2017). During the second part of the workshop, she will move into advanced topics of speech kinematic research. Here, she will discuss kinematic assessment approaches that go beyond basic segmental speech dynamics such as amplitude, speed, and duration. Antje Mefferd will explain these kinematic approaches based on examples of speakers with dysarthria and show how specific kinematic measures can be extracted in SMASH. At the end of the workshop there will be time for questions and discussion.

Please send an e-mail to Doris Mücke to register for the workshop, if you are interested:
[doris.muecke\(at\)uni-koeln.de](mailto:doris.muecke(at)uni-koeln.de)

Recent publications

- Hinterwimmer, Stefan & Umesh Patil. 2022. The interpretative options of anaphoric complex demonstratives. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics* 7(1). | C05, C07
- Margetts, Anna, Katharina Haude, Nikolaus P. Himmelmann, Dagmar Jung, Sonja Riesberg, Stefan Schnell, Frank Seifart, Harriet Sheppard & Claudia Wegener. 2022. *Cross-linguistic patterns in the lexicalization of bring and take*. *Studies in Language*. | B05
- Romero Heredero, Diego. 2022. *Marcado diferencial de objeto y semántica verbal en*

[español](#). Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter. | [B04](#)

- Tomaszewicz-Özakın, Barbara & Petra B. Schumacher. 2022. [Anaphoric Pronouns and the Computation of Prominence Profiles](#). *Journal of Psycholinguistic Research*. | [C07](#)

Anything new coming up? If you want to be featured in the next newsletter, please drop us a line at:
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