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## #34 | Look ahead!

Dear all,

Our spring edition comes with a variety of topics, announcements and dates, as well as with colorful insights from the past Kölner KinderUni where several CRC projects were represented.

There is much to prepare and look forward to in the upcoming weeks: We continue to welcome international fellows in Cologne with Kofi Yakpo (A03) marking the start earlier this month, followed by Alexandra Vella (A01) and Mortaza Taheri-Ardali (A04), among others yet to come. In addition, we are delighted that all four of our current [Mercator fellows](#) are going to visit Cologne in 2023.

The next general meeting will take place on May 25 right before the summer party on that same day. Project meetings are planned throughout May as preparations are made for the retreat (Klausurtagung) in June. This will be a crucial step for the continuation proposal. Also in June, the LingCologne is coming up as well as other conferences and presentations in Barcelona, Brussels, Nijmegen, Zurich and Seoul.

As to myself, I will soon be off to Montréal. Since this is my last editorial for the SFB newsletter, I would like to thank you all for the time shared, wishing you good continuation and hopefully a successful transition into a 3rd funding phase! Keep up the good work!

Warm wishes,  
 Britt Krukau

## Save the date!

- **PostDoc-Workshop** for CRC PostDocs | Topic: Academic job applications | new date: May 10, 2-4 p.m. | Philosophikum, Room 2.127 | Please let Clare Patterson or Jakob Egetenmeyer know if you would like to come
- **General Meeting** of the CRC | May 25, 4 p.m. | Neuer Senatssaal
- Followed by a **summer party** of the CRC with prominent sounds by *Stephan Behrens and Drehkommando* | May 25, 6 p.m. | Alte Mensa

- The next **Diversity Week** will take place May 22 – 26 under the motto *You make the difference*. In cooperation with all sections of the university, it will call attention to the topic of equal opportunities. Employees as well as students are cordially invited to participate in a variety of events, including lectures, workshops and counseling. More info [here](#).
- June 16-17, the next **LingCologne**, organized by the [CCLS](#), will take place with this year's topic *Prediction in Language*. Find more information and register [here](#).
- **Klausurtagung** of the CRC | June 22 - 23 | Kloster Steinfeld

## Staff News

Max Hörl has recently left the CRC after working in INF for 6 years. We wish you all the best for your future, Max, and hope you have a good time travelling through Canada! 🇨🇦 Here is a picture of a small farewell party on March 30 that included some very delicious cardamom and cinnamon rolls baked by Max himself.



Job Schepens (PostDoc) has recently joined project INF:

"I will take over the work that Max has been doing. I will provide help with issues in statistics and also arrange further training opportunities in statistics/research design. If you are not yet on Max's mailing list for regular meetings on statistics, please sign up [here](#). I also work closely with Fafa Same on data management. You can find me (and Fafa) in the INF office on the HOP's second floor. I am looking forward to get to know everyone so please do not hesitate to just say hello or send me a e-mail: [job.schepens\(at\)uni-koeln.de](mailto:job.schepens@uni-koeln.de)."

Two new student assistants have recently joined Team Z 🙌

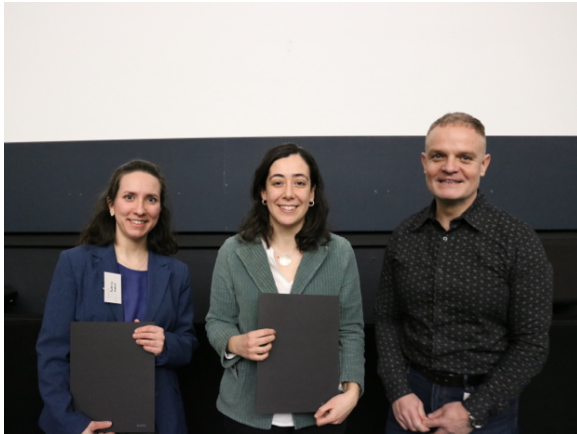
"My name is Stefanos Lialios and I study Astrophysics in the university of Bonn. From my brief introduction to SFB, I could tell that linguistics and astrophysics have very few things in common, but to quote Richard Feynman: "Learn what the rest of the world is like. The variety is worthwhile" and as an aspiring future researcher, I am really grateful to have the chance to get familiar with such different topics from my studies, in such a big project. As the new IT support assistant, I look forward to assist in whatever way I can the researchers from the SFB and I am also fascinated in the prospect of learning a few things about linguistics along the way. You can find me at the HelpDesk office on Tuesdays from 15.00 to 18.00 and on Fridays from 11.30 to 18.00."



"Hi everyone, my name is Gouvernor Kelley and I'm happy to have this opportunity to say hello to everyone I haven't met yet. I've been working at the helpdesk since February, mostly taking care of the website and various administrative things. You can find me there on Mondays and Thursdays. The subjects I study



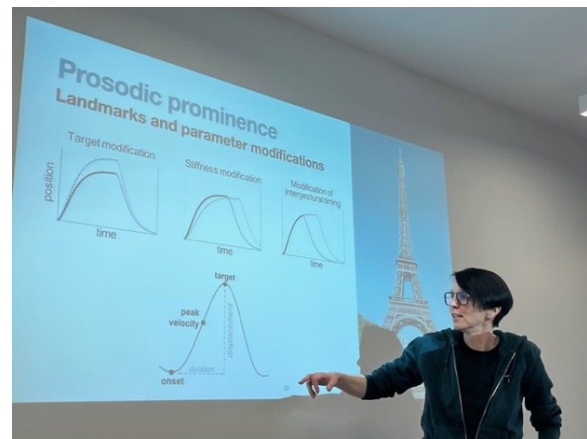
are history and linguistics, with a focus on Indo-European studies, and my hobbies revolve mostly around travelling, literature, nature and sports. I'm looking forward to broadening my horizons at the CRC and getting to know all of you!"



Congratulations to **Maria Bardají i Farré** (PostDoc, B05) who received the Wilhelm von Humboldt Award for young scholars. It was given to her and Aikaterini Lida Kalouli at the 45th DGfS (Annual Meeting of the German Linguistic Society).

Doris Mücke (A04) received the Labex EFL International Chair at the Université Sorbonne Nouvelle in Paris, France. As part of this, she is giving a series of lectures on *Speech Dynamics*. The lectures are affiliated to the Laboratories of Excellence (Empirical Foundations of Linguistics). More information can be found [here](#).

Congratulations!



At the 45th Annual Meeting of the DGfS (March 7-10) in Cologne, Nikolaus P. Himmelmann (A03, B05, C09, INF) gave a plenary talk titled *Creativity and routine at the prosody-syntax interface: playing with intonation unit boundaries*.

## KölnerKinderUni

Several projects of the CRC were once again involved in the KölnerKinderUni and offered engaging events on the topic of language for children grade 3-6. Find some impressions below:



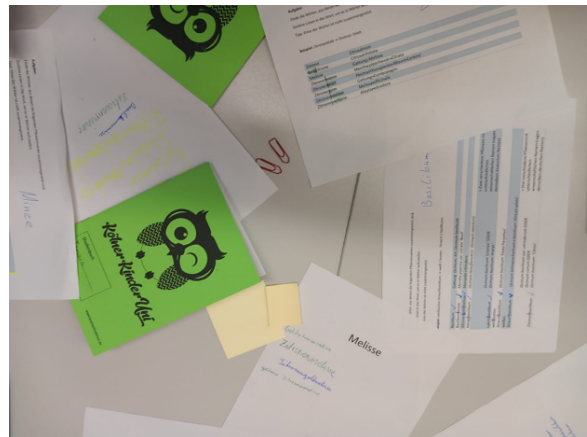
The three pictures above show projects B02 and B05 in their KinderUni Event *Ab ins Feld! - Sprachen unserer Welt erforschen*. Maria Bardaji reports: "We used a kind of scavenger hunt to show the children how different the languages of the world can be. In teams, the children were given sentences in a language they didn't know. They then had to go through 5 different stations to find out how the language works, like real researchers in the field. With this information, they were able to resolve which language they had explored at the end: Datooga, Tima, Totoli or Yali." Organized by: Elli Clages, Milo Reinmöller, Mandy Lorenzen (B02), Katharina Gayler, Alessandra On, Sophia Meyer und Maria Bardaji (B05).





Petra Schumacher's team also offered a workshop at this year's KinderUni again. It was called *Geheimnisse unserer Sprache - Kann man Sprache im Labor untersuchen?* In a short warm-up with Clare and Magdalena, the children learned playfully what linguists actually do. Afterwards, they participated in an exciting lab rally through the XLinC Lab, where they got to know and try out the various methods used for studying language.

Sonja Eisenbeiß and Jacopo Torregrossa from project C03 also took part in the KinderUni with an event called *Warum Schokoladenminze und Minzschokolade nicht dasselbe sind* (Read Sonjas detailed report on her blog [Sprache - Spiel - Natur](#) (in German)).



## Past Lectures, Presentations and Workshops

- At the **Mercator-Nachwuchstagung** which took place on March 20, Sonja Eisenbeiß (C03) gave a research method workshop on *Spielerische und mehrsprachige Methoden der Datenerhebung in Studien zur Erforschung von (Zweit-) Spracherwerb und Mehrsprachigkeit* ("playful and multilingual methods of data collection for the study of (second) language acquisition and multilingualism"). Her presentation included examples from the C03 project.
- Jacopo Torregrossa and Sonja Eisenbeiß (C03) gave a presentation on *environmental ethics and sustainability in linguistics and language acquisition research* in the **Mercator-Institute forum** on April 11.

- Kedi Simpson (Guest C07) gave a talk on the Spitzboden on April 13 titled *You say bouteille d'eau, I write potato: what do beginner learners of French really understand when they hear French?*
- Kofi Yakpo (Fellow A03), held a talk on *Tone meets stress in the Afro-Atlantic: social context, typology, outcomes* at the Institute of Linguistics on April 13.
- Mortaza Taheri-Ardali (Fellow A04) was invited to hold a talk on *Prosodic cues in broad, narrow and contrastive focus in Persian* at the SRPP (Séminaires de Recherches en Phonétique et Phonologie) in Paris on April 14.
- Maria Lialiou, Alexandra Vella and Martine Grice (A01) gave a talk at the Speech Units Workshop taking place April 17-19 in Zurich. It was titled: *Prosodic prominence and tonal association in Maltese*.

## Upcoming Lectures, Presentations and Workshops

Malin Spaniol, Alicia Janz, Simon Wehrle, Kai Vogeley and Martine Grice (A02) present a poster at the first [Multimodal Communication Symposium](#) taking place April 26-28 in Barcelona. It's titled *Investigating the relation between backchannels and gaze in dyadic conversations: A multimodal approach*

Simona Sbranna, Aviad Albert & Martine Grice (A01) will present a talk on *Can we use categories when investigating interlanguages?* at the [HISPhonCog 2023](#) (Hanyang International Symposium on Phonetics and Cognitive Sciences of Language) taking place in Seoul on May 26-27

Simon Wehrle, Kai Vogeley & Martine Grice (A02) will hold a talk on *Conversational and intonational characteristics of dialogue between autistic adults* at the [18th International Pragmatics Conference](#) taking place in Bruxelles July 9-14

### [PaPE \(Phonetics and Phonology in Europe\)](#), June 2-6, Nijmegen

A01 | Talk |  
Maria Lialiou,  
Martine Grice,  
Christine Röhr  
& Petra  
Schumacher |  
*Brain indices  
for processing  
rising and  
falling pitch:  
An MMN study*

A02 | Poster |  
Alicia Janz,  
Simon Wehrle  
& Martine  
Grice |  
*Response  
tokens in the  
lab and in the  
wild: Evidence  
from task-based  
and  
spontaneous  
conversations*

A07 | Talk |  
Stefan  
Baumann &  
Florence Baills  
| *The  
multimodal  
marking of  
information  
status in French  
as a foreign  
language: What  
can we learn  
about the use of  
prosodic and  
gestural cues in  
an  
interlanguage?*

A07 | Poster |  
Janne  
Lorenzen,  
Simon Roessig  
& Stefan  
Baumann |  
*Exploring  
individual  
strategies in  
prosodic  
marking of  
information  
status in  
German*

B06 | Talk |  
Barbara Zeyer  
& Martina  
Penke | *The  
processing of  
prosodic  
prominence in  
German*

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**ICPhS20 (International Congress of Phonetic Sciences), August 7-11, Prague**

A01 | Talk | Michelina Savino, Francisco Torreira & Martine Grice | *Prosodic convergence across varieties of Italian*

A01 | Talk | Christine Röhr, Stefan Baumann & Martine Grice | *Intonational preferences for lexical contrast and verum focus*

A01 | Poster | Maria Lialiou, Anna Bruggeman, Alexandra Vella, Sarah Grech, Petra Schumacher & Martine Grice | *Word-level prominence and “stress deafness” in Maltese-English bilinguals*

A02 | Talk | Francesco Cangemi, Martine Grice, Hae-Sung Jeon & Jane Setter | *Contrast or context, that is the question*

A02 | Talk | Simon Wehrle, Kai Vogeley & Martine Grice | *Characteristics and distribution of silent pauses in conversations between autistic and non-autistic dyads*

A02 | Poster | Malin Spaniol, Alicia Janz, Simon Wehrle, Kai Vogeley & Martine Grice | *Multimodal signalling: the interplay of oral and visual feedback in conversation*

A02 | Talk | Christopher Sappok & Simon Wehrle | *Evaluating prosodic aspects of oral reading proficiency in schoolchildren: effects of gender, genre and grade*

A04 | Poster | Tabea Thies, Doris Mücke, Angela Ding & Antje Mefferd | *Phase relations between the tongue body and the jaw across rate modifications in younger and older speakers*

A04 | Talk | Lena Pagel, Márton Sóskuthy, Simon Roessig & Doris Mücke | *A kinematic analysis of visual prosody: Head movements in habitual and loud speech*

A04 | Talk | Claudia Raines, Tabea Thies, Angela Ding & Antje Mefferd | *Aging effects on sentence-length velocity distribution characteristics of the tongue and jaw*

A04 | Poster | Doris Mücke, Tabea Thies, Philipp Büch, Noemi Furlani, Janine Schreen & Anne Hermes | *Variability in space, compensation in time: Effects of aging on tongue body kinematics with respect to prosodic focus marking*

A04 | Special session 2 | Title: *Bridging linguistic and clinical perspectives through computational models of speech production*  
| Organised by: Benjamin Parrell, Doris Mücke, Antje Mefferd, Sarah Harper

A04 | Talk | Benjamin Parrell, Antje Mefferd, Sarah Harper, Simon Roessig & Doris Mücke | *Using computational models to characterize the role of motor noise in speech: The case of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis*

A07 | Poster | Florence Baills, Stefan Baumann & Patrick Rohrer | *The Relation between Pitch Accent Types, Head Movements and Perceived Prosodic Prominence in L2 French*

A07 | Talk | Janne Lorenzen, Simon Roessig & Stefan Baumann | *Redundancy and individual variability in the prosodic marking of information status in German*


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## Inside the CRC

### "Friends" mailing list

There's another new way to keep in touch: For former members of the CRC, alumni, and external persons interested in our work, we have created the **"friends" mailing list**. When registering, subscribers will receive this newsletter every two months (including information on new publications, events and more) as well as occasional announcements of events. Sign up [here](#). Thanks for sharing! 

### Familiar faces in a new light

We are delighted to soon be sharing new photographs of our staff and project teams on our website. 

Thank you everyone for taking part in our photo session. We hope you had as much fun as we did.

### Call for Workshop Proposals

We are delighted to have already received a proposal for a workshop on the prosody-pragmatics interface by a group of PhDs and PostDoc. We would like to encourage others to consider a submission too! Applications are still welcome! Workshop proposals by Early Career Researchers should include 2-3 external speakers (2-3 hours each) and 3-6 talks by PhDs and Postdocs, and should be organized by at least two projects. Please send your submissions for the thematic mini-workshops to the coordination team Z. We look forward to hearing back from you!

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## Recent Publications

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- Schlenter, Judith & Martina Penke. 2022. [\(How\) visual properties affect the perception and description of transitive events](#). *Glossa Psycholinguistics* 1(1). | [B06](#)
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**Anything new coming up?** If you want to be featured in the next newsletter, please drop us a line at [ewindbe1@uni-koeln.de](mailto:ewindbe1@uni-koeln.de) (Eva Windbergs) or tell us your news personally.

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