International Conference “Prominence in Language”
University of Cologne
15-17 June 2015

MONDAY 15 (Room: Tagungsraum 004)

9.00-9.45  Registration
9.45-10.00 **Welcome.** Gudrun Gersmann (Vice Rector, University of Cologne).
10.00-11.00 **Invited speaker.** Hannah Rohde (University of Edinburgh). *Towards a Bayesian account of reference.*
CHAIR: Christiane Bongartz

11.00-11.30 COFFEE BREAK

**SESSION ON DISCOURSE**
CHAIR: Petra Schumacher

11.30-12.00 Markus Bader and Yvonne Portele. *Prominence and anti-prominence in pronoun resolution.*
12.30-13.00 Peter Bosch, Stefan Hinterwimmer and Umesh Patil. *Perspective as a parameter of prominence. The case of German demonstrative pronouns.*

13.00-14.30 LUNCH

**SESSION ON PROSODY I**
CHAIR: Stefan Baumann

15.00-15.30 Lucie Vercruysse, Anne Lacheret and Marion Fossard. *Prosodic prominence: A cue to distinguish young and old speakers?*

15.30-17.00 **POSTER SESSION I (+ COFFEE BREAK)**

17.00-17.30 Beste Kamali. *On modeling the interaction between prominence and clitic placement in Turkish yes/no questions.*

17.30-18.00 BREAK

18.00-19.00 **Interdisciplinary Lounge.** Clarence Barlow (UC Santa Barbara). *On music derived from language.*
CHAIR: Aria Adli
TUESDAY 16 (Room: S21)

9.30-10.30 **Invited speaker.** Sónia Frota (University of Lisbon). *Explorations on word prominence in a language with contrastive stress: adult and infant data.*

CHAIR: Martine Grice

SESSION ON PROSODY II

CHAIRS: Martine Grice and Doris Mücke.

10.30-11.00 Frank Kügler, Bernadett Smolibocki and Manfred Stede. *Prominence relations between discourse referents as a factor for the analysis of the prosodic marking of information status – a corpus study of spoken German.*

11.00-11.30 COFFEE BREAK

11.30-12.00 Oliver Niebuhr, Bastian Schroeter and Stefan Baumann. *Cues to perceptual prominence of prenuclear pitch accents – evidence from German spontaneous speech.*

12.00-12.30 Núria Esteve-Gibert, Joan Borràs-Comes, Eli Asor, Marc Swerts and Pilar Prieto. *Multimodal prominence in head gestures (or how accent and phrasing influence the gesture timing).*


13.00-14.30 LUNCH

15.45-16.45 Rhine cruise

17.00-18.00 Guided tour

19.00 SOCIAL DINNER
WEDNESDAY 17 (Room: S11)

SESSION ON LANGUAGE ACQUISITION
CHAIR: Martina Penke

9.30-10.00  Cinzia Avesani, Giuliano Bocci, Mario Vayra and Alessandra Zappoli. *Prominence patterns in L2 acquisition. The differential learning of the prosody-information structure interface in L2-German and L2-Italian.*

10.00-10.30  Vincenzo Moscati. *Acquisition and parsing of focus movement in Italian: The role of prominence and agreement.*

10.30-11.00  Katharina Zahner, Muna Pohl and Bettina Braun. *Only high-pitched stressed syllables are good (prominent?) word onsets for German 9-month-olds: Intonation modulates the extraction of embedded words.*

11.00-11.30  COFFEE BREAK

SESSION ON SCALES
CHAIRS: Martin Becker, Marco García García

11.30-12.00  Elisabeth Verhoeven. *Prominence scales and subject choice: A crosslinguistic corpus study.*

12.00-12.30  Jimena Terraza and Adriana Machado Estevam. *A discourse-based analysis of obviation in Moose Cree: Factors determining the ranking of entities.*

12.30-14.00  LUNCH

14.00-14.30  Katharina Haude. *Animacy, discourse prominence, and construction choice in Movima.*

14.30-15.00  Markus Bader, Emilia Ellsiepen, Yvonne Portele and Vasiliki Koukoulioti. *Prominence hierarchies and word order: From grammar to usage.*

15.00-16.30  POSTER SESSION II (+ COFFEE BREAK)


CHAIR: Nikolaus Himmelmann
Poster Session I (Monday 15)

- Juliane Burmester, Katharina Spalek and Isabell Wartenburger. Salience – a modality independent cue of topicality?
- Sophie Egger and Bettina Braun. The role of pitch accents in the identification of metrical prominence.
- Klaus von Heusinger and Aria Adli. Topic chains and perspective: Demonstrative pronouns between indexical and anaphoric referential chains.
- Alfonso Igualada, Núria Esteve-Gibert and Pilar Prieto. Prosodic prominence marked with beat gestures favors word recall in pre-schoolers.
- Edoardo Lombardi Vallauri and Viviana Masia. Did informational prominence evolve to ensure economy of processing?
- Christopher Sappok. Prominence rating procedures and assessment of reading skills – a perception experiment dialogue read by fluent German children.
- Roberto Zamparelli. Similarity, prominence and distributions.

Poster Session II (Wednesday 17)

- Giuliano Bocci and Cinzia Avesani. Metrical structure and sentence comprehension: Heads and boundaries in Italian.
- Julia Edeleva. Russian children and their relatives: Does contrastive focus accentuation bootstrap the acquisition of relative clause constructions?
- Manisha Gandhi, Anna Currey and Jürgen Trouvain. Marking focus in L2 French and German.
- Katja Jasinskaja and Jacopo Torregrossa. Towards a scale of contrastive topics: A view from topicalization and predicate clefts in Italian.
- Inyoung Kim. Prominence in Seoul Korean intonation: Topic and focus marking example.
- Olga Kushch, Alfonso Igualada and Pilar Prieto. The role of audio-visual prominence on the acquisition of novel words in a second language.