

PLM 2026 session

***The Cambridge Handbook of Natural Linguistics: A book launch.***

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***The Cambridge Handbook of Natural Linguistics***, edited by Katarzyna Dziubalska-Kotaczyk, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Patricia Donegan, University of Hawai'i, and Wolfgang U. Dressler, University of Vienna, Austrian Academy of Sciences, is due to be published in summer this year. *The Handbook* aims to provide a comprehensive state-of-the-field survey of the developments in phonological, morphonological, and morphological as well as syntactic, pragmatic and textlinguistic theory that have arisen from or are related to the theory of Natural Phonology. This kind of synopsis of the natural linguistic paradigm has not been offered yet. The handbook includes an in-depth account of the origins and foundational principles of the theory of Natural Phonology, followed by extensive delineation of the semiotic, cognitive and functional bases of Natural Linguistics as well as interpretations of the term "natural". Further parts extend beyond phonology and provide overviews of morphology, syntax, phonotactics and morphonotactics, pragmatics, text and discourse, and dwell on a variety of external evidence for the theory. A critical appraisal of the position of Natural Linguistics among modern linguistic theories concludes the Handbook.

The PLM 2026 session will present the *CHNL* in the form of discussion panels featuring the contributors. Maximum three panels (2hs each) are planned. The topics of the panels would correspond to the structure of the *Handbook*, so, roughly:

1. Natural Phonology, naturalness, and beyond.
2. External evidence.
3. Natural Linguistics among modern linguistic theories - a debate between practitioners and friendly observers.

The session will have a hybrid format, with the majority of the participants on site. The day for the session will be either September 21 or 22.

Confirmed on-site participants: Anna Balas, Andreas Baumann, Wolfgang U. Dressler, Livio Gaeta, Dafydd Gibbon, Kamil Kaźmierski, Paula Orzechowska, Nikolaus Ritt, Elke Ronneberger-Sibold, Tobias Scheer, Geoff Schwartz, Šárka Šimáčková, Richard Wojcik, Paulina Zydorowicz.

Confirmed on-line participants: Bill Kretzschmar, Elisa Mattiello, Dimitrios Meletis, Geoffrey S. Nathan, William O'Grady, Monika Potczyńska-Bletsos, Fernando Sánchez-Miret.

All colleagues interested in joining the discussions either on the site of the audience or joining one of the panels are welcome. Please submit either a list of questions (audience) or a short statement/note (panels) by the end of **June 2026** to **dkasia@amu.edu.pl**.