

PLM 2025: Preliminary programme (subject to change; status as of 22 August 2025)

21 September SUNDAY		
	THEMATIC SESSION: <i>Rethinking the semantics of classifiers</i> . Organized by M Kilarski, M Allasonnière-Tang, and É Dékány	
14:30–15:00	Marcin Kilarski and Éva Dékány: <i>The semantics of classifiers: current issues and future directions</i>	
15:00–15:30	Gerd Carling: <i>Classifiers, noun class and gender. What are the most important typological differences and how can we explain their emergence and evolutionary behaviour?</i>	
15:30–16:00	Coffee break	
	THEMATIC SESSION: <i>Rethinking the semantics of classifiers</i>	
16:00–16:30	Tom Güldemann: <i>Revising the semantic assignment typology of gender and its repercussions for the analysis of classifier systems</i>	
16:30–17:00	Krzysztof Stroński, John Peterson & Lennart Chevallier: <i>On the diachrony of South Asian numeral classifiers</i>	
17:00–17:30	Walter Bisang: <i>On the selection of classifiers between semantics, pragmatics and arbitrariness</i>	17:00–19:00 EARLY CAREER POSTER SESSION and Welcome Wine Reception (Collegium Rubrum) Authors and titles – see below
17:30–18:00	Katarzyna Janic & Krzysztof Stroński: <i>Semantic dimensions and morphosyntactic roles of verbal classifiers in valency change: Insights from Gumuz, Gooniyandi, and Worrorra</i>	

EARLY CAREER POSTER SESSION:

Przemysław Kabziński: *There are plenty more fish in the sea. The study of selected marine mammals' vocalizations: An argument for emergentism approach to evolutionary linguistics*

Krzysztof Śliskowski, Michalina Moks, Aleksandra Szlapka: *The effects of vocal entrainment in the speech of Polish couples and strangers*

Sidra: *Gesture vs. Speech: What can non-verbal communication tell us about language uniqueness?*

Klara Ertav: *The effect of lexical diversity on the use of filler particles in bilingual speech*

Lorenzo Albanesi, Kristýna Lorenzová: *The different functions of agreement discourse markers okay and sì in L1 and L2 Italian: A semasiological approach*

Alicja Dolińska, Anna Jelec: *Machine Translation vs. c**t: Translation of swear words in literature*

Iryna Kravchuk: *Cognitive variability among multilinguals: Examining accented speech comprehension and attention allocation*

Qi Zhang: *Cross-linguistic and cross-cultural communication: A comparison of language choice and usage among Chinese students studying in Poland*

Adam Janyska: *Does simultaneous interpreting increase the level of the interpreter's accentedness in interpretations into L2 English? The study of phonetic interference based on VOT in experienced interpreters vs. interpreting trainees*

Sandra Nowak: *Emotional vowels: analysing accent reversion in actors' vowel quality during emotional performances*

Michał Bryja: *Mourning companion animal as source of pathemisation in French-language digital discourse*

Zuzanna Witt: *Verifying the faithfulness of White Alabama English in the works by Idora Moore: The case of A-prefixing*

Ekadish Bal: *The many ways to be - Copular strategies in Kodava*

Ligia Cabral: *The features involved in noun classifiers of eight Brazilian indigenous languages [also during the Coffee Break at 15:30–16:00]*

Piotr Żukowski, Marcin Naranowicz: *Happy brains think wider: A positive mood promotes semantic flexibility in bilinguals*

22 September MONDAY			
09:00–09:30	Conference opening		
09:30-10:30	PLENARY 1: Andrea Ravignani (Sapienza University, Roma): Vocal learning and the origins of human rhythm: A comparative approach		
10:30-11:00	Coffee break		
	THEMATIC SESSION: <i>Rethinking the semantics of classifiers</i> . Organized by M Kilarski, M Allasonnière-Tang, and É Dékány	GENERAL SESSIONS: Sociolinguistics	GENERAL SESSIONS: Phonetics
11:00–11:30	Yi-Sin Lai, One-Soon Her, Anthony Chi-Pin Hsu, Hung-Hsin Hsu & Sau-Chin Chen: <i>Does object visualization affect classifier choice? Findings from phrase-based and picture-based ratings</i>	Monika Khobelia, Sofiko Tchaava: <i>The ethnic-linguistic structure of Abkhazian/Georgian population in 1921-1939</i>	Axel Ekström, Steven Moran: <i>Phonetic equifinality: Why an evolutionary timeline of phonological features is more challenging than we thought</i>
11:30–12:00	Jiaqi Guo & Jinlei Zhong: <i>Influence of shape similarity on classifier effect: evidence from native adults and CSL learners</i>	Monika Khobelia, Gvantsa Gvantseladze: <i>unknown aspects of the script changes during Stalin period</i>	Ewelina Wojtkowiak, Geoff Schwartz, Kamil Kaźmierski, Maral Asiaee, Rafia Canyon: <i>Perception of Creaky Voice in English by L1 Polish Speakers</i>
12:00–12:30	Qi Huang: <i>Referentiality and contrast of specific and general classifiers in exophoric contexts in Southern Min and Hakka – a cognitive experiment</i>	Katarzyna Wojtylak, Alexandra Aikhenvald: <i>The language of coca: Tracing the spread of ‘coca’ in Amazonian languages</i>	Małgorzata Kul, Zofia Malisz, Jan Foremski: <i>How predictability shapes the way we speak: Lessons from Polish conversations and reading aloud</i>
12:30–13:00	Kurt Erbach: <i>Presupposed partitivity in classifiers</i>	Olga Steriopolo, Veronika Makarova, Natalia Gagarina: <i>Ukrainian and Russian heritage language use in Canadian and German immigrant communities during the COVID-19 pandemic</i>	
13:00–14:00	Lunch		
14:00–15:00	PLENARY 2: Neil Cohn (Tilburg University): Reimagining linguistic uniqueness in multimodal paradigm		
	THEMATIC SESSION: <i>Rethinking the semantics of classifiers</i>	POSTER SESSION (Collegium Rubrum) Authors and titles – see below	
15:00–15:30	Haleli Harel: <i>A network approach to modeling the semantic range of Kilivila noun classifiers and Ancient Egyptian graphemic classifiers</i>		
15:30–16:00	Katarzyna Wojtylak: <i>Semantic categorization in Witotoan classifiers from Northwest Amazonia: Exploring patterns across the language family</i>		
16:00–16:30	Nikola Zduńczyk: <i>The conceptions behind the supernatural and the divine in classifier systems</i>		
17:00	Social programme (excursions)		

POSTER SESSION

Magdalena Zabielska: *Dogs, swines and meat – animalisation and dehumanisation in Polish online discourse in the context of the war in Ukraine*

Zuzanna Jechna, Magdalena Zabielska: *A two-stage study on discursive resources adopted by healthcare professionals to perform interpersonal emotion regulation*

Anzhalika Dubasava, Maria Bondarenko: *The semantics of musical associations: Evidence from experiment*

Aybike Canan: *Learning to cross boundaries: Motion conceptualization in Turkish learners of English*

Lin Shen, Yidie Cheng, Nuphak Charoensirisoonthorn: *Does higher proficiency affect translation? A corpus-based analysis of Chinese-English translation of tense and aspect markers*

23 September TUESDAY			
09:00–10:00	PLENARY 3: Raymond Hickey (University of Limerick): Language beyond Earth. The value of this speculative topic		
	GENERAL SESSIONS: What is language	GENERAL SESSIONS (Syntax)	GENERAL SESSIONS: Semantics
10:00–10:30	Nancy Niedzielski, Dennis Preston: <i>How the Social Plays into Bird (and other non-Human) Communication</i>	Martina Riva, Adrien Dadone, Louise Bony, Beatrice Giustolisi, Carlo Cecchetto: <i>Strong recursion as a uniquely human trait? The 'prefer' test</i>	Joanna Toczyńska: <i>Beyond Metaphor: Sanskrit Theory of Dhvani and Cognitive Linguistics</i>
10:30–11:00	Michael Pleyer, Marcus Perlman, Gary Lupyan, Koen de Reus, Limor Raviv: <i>Revising Hockett's 'Design Features of Language'</i>	Jacek Witkoś: <i>Chomsky's box theory and wh-movement</i>	
11:00–11:30	Coffee break		
	GENERAL SESSIONS: Morphology	GENERAL SESSIONS (Syntax)	GENERAL SESSIONS: Pragmatics
11:30–12:30	SPECIAL INTEREST TALK: Hanna Mamzer (Adam Mickiewicz University): Communication with aliens?		
12:30–13:00	Aleksandra Jarosz: <i>Word order, animacy, and differential object marking in Miyako-Ryukyuan</i>	Alona Kononenko-Szozskiewicz, Wolfgang U. Dressler: <i>When 'No' Goes Astray: A Blind Alley Development in the Early Acquisition of Polish Negative Sentences</i>	Paweł Chelminiak, Rafał Jończyk, Guillaume Thierry, Katarzyna Bromberek-Dyzman: <i>Irony processing is more cognitively taxing in L2 and more effective in L1: Evidence from event-related potentials</i>
13:00–13:30	Camiel Hamans: <i>Another form of word formation</i>	Marwan Jarrah: <i>Accusative by Default: Revisiting Case Assignment in Arabic</i>	Paweł Urbanik, Jörg Zinken, Matylda Weidner: <i>'Free' infinitives in German and Polish</i>
13:30–14:00			F. Nihan Ketrez: <i>Morphopragmatics of address terms in Turkish: Examples from pet-, infant-, child- and adult-directed speech</i>
14:00–15:00	Lunch		
15:00–16:00	PLENARY 4: Daniel Everett (Bentley University): Speculative Grammar and the Nonuniqueness of Human Language		
18:15	Poznań Old Town Walk		
19:00	PLM PARTY (Bazar Hotel)		

24 September WEDNESDAY			
09:00–10:00	PLENARY 5: Wolfgang U. Dressler (Austrian Academy of Sciences): Human language vs. communication of the bees. In honour of the Austrian Nobel prize winner (1973) Karl von Frisch, who detected bee communication		
10:00–11:00	PLENARY 6: Magdalena Wrembel (Adam Mickiewicz University): To be or not to be multilingual: What makes L3 phonological acquisition unique?		
11:00–11:30	Coffee break		
	GENERAL SESSIONS: Sociolinguistics	GENERAL SESSIONS: Gesture	GENERAL SESSIONS: Discourse analysis
11:30–12:00	Bhim Gautam: <i>Multilingual education in federal Nepal: Aspirations and realities in three local contexts</i>	Aleksandra Rewerska: <i>Open-Hand Gesture Family in Polish Repertoire of Recurrent Gestures – an example from Role Playing Game sessions</i>	Karolina Krawczak, Anna Rogos-Hebda, Małgorzata Fabiszak: <i>Uncovering the conceptualization of GUILT in American English across time. A usage-based approach comparing human and machine-assisted analysis</i>
12:00–12:30	Katarzyna Buczek: <i>Multilingual Code-Switching in Digital Discourse: A Sociolinguistic Perspective on Human Linguistic Uniqueness</i>	Theresa Matzinger, Monika Boruta, Marek Placiński, Aoife Jordan, Hannah Marwan-Schlosser: <i>The aesthetic appeal of sign languages: intrinsic appeal or cultural associations?</i>	Minako Nakayasu: <i>How did the systems of space and time progress in discourse? Spatio-temporal pursuit of the Pastons</i>
12:30–13:30	GRAND DEBATE		
13:30–14:30	Lunch		
	GENERAL SESSIONS: Sociophonetics	GENERAL SESSIONS: Psycholinguistics	GENERAL SESSIONS: Lexicography
14:30–15:00	Anna Lukaszewicz: <i>Variable rhoticity in Standard Scottish English: A sociolinguistic perspective</i>	Agnieszka Lijewska, Paulina Łeska-Bayraktar, Jacek Witkoś: <i>Processing cataphoric pronouns in Polish – evidence from co-referent judgements and self-paced reading</i>	Fujio Nakamura: <i>Explaining American English Usages with Reference to the History of British English Usages: Variations of Past Participle _Got_ and _Gotten_</i>
15:00–15:30	Marwan Jarrah, Leen Ababneh: <i>Rethinking vowel epenthesis: A sociophonetic perspective</i>	Marcin Naranowicz, Iga Krzysik: <i>Positive vibes, predictive minds: A positive mood fuels semantic prediction</i>	Amadeusz Terczewski: <i>Filling lexical gaps in culture-bound terms in online Polish-English dictionaries</i>
15:30–16:00	Kamil Malarski, Witosz Awedyk: <i>L3 dialect acquisition in Norwegian: Production, perception and socio-cultural predictors</i>	Magdalena Dyzert: <i>Approaches towards happiness as reflected in multiword expressions</i>	