

Going beyond L2 speech: Multilingual production and perception

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In this thematic session we would like to discuss how going beyond L2 acquisition of speech to L3/Ln enriches or changes our perspective on the development of non-native language production and perception and the methodologies used to examine them. Previous research has pointed to enhanced perceptual sensitivity and increased (meta)phonological awareness. CLI becomes more complex in terms of type and directionality (cf. Cabrelli Amaro & Wrembel 2016, Kartushina and Martin 2019), whereas cross-linguistic similarity gains new dimensions (cf. Flege & Bohn 2021, Cebrian 2022, Gut, Kopečková & Nelson 2023). These new aspects can broaden research horizons, but they also bring about novel methodological and theoretical challenges which are worth discussing (see Gut & Wrembel 2024). We welcome studies on multilingual production or perception, including, but not limited to, segmental and/or suprasegmental analyses, the perception and production modality link, comparisons of L2 vs. L3 speech acquisition as well as the role of conditioning factors.

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