

WAYS TO PROTOLANGUAGE: The Initial Stages of the Evolution of the Language Faculty

21-23.09.09. Toruń, Collegium Maius, Fosa Staromiejska 3

Mo 21.09.09. ROOM 206		Tu 22.09.09. ROOM 206		We 23.09.09. ROOM 206	
9:45	OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE				
	Chair: P. Żywiczyński		Chair: J. C. Moreno Cabrera		Chair: M. Tallerman
10:00	Keynote lecture: <u>Jordan Zlatev</u>	10:00	Keynote lecture: <u>Katie Slocombe</u>	10:00	Keynote lecture: <u>Jim Hurford</u>
-	<i>From (proto)mimesis to (proto)language</i>	-	<i>Evolution of language: what do chimpanzees have to say?</i>	-	<i>The contributions of storage, computation and pragmatics to the evolution of syntax</i>
11:00	<u>Georg Meyer, Sophie Wuerger, Natalie Uomini</u>	11:00	<u>Ljiljana Progovac</u>	11:00	<u>Eugenia Caselles, Ljiljana Progovac</u>
-	<i>Direct evidence for shared networks involved in the categorisation of speech and body actions</i>	-	<i>Compounds and commands in the evolution of language</i>	-	<i>Protosyntax: a thetic (unaccusative) stage</i>
11:30	<u>Dorothea Cogill-Koez</u>	11:30	<u>Maggie Tallerman</u>	11:30	<u>Thom Scott-Phillips</u>
-	<i>Manual depiction: a 'natural' way into language? The evidence from signed languages</i>	-	<i>Music: angel speech or pre-language of humans?</i>	-	<i>The importance of pragmatics to a proper understanding of protolanguage</i>
12:00	COFFEE	12:00	COFFEE	12:00	COFFEE
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12:15	Chair: J. Zlatev	12:15	Chair: K. Slocombe	12:15	Chair: S. Wacewicz
12:15	<u>Sylwester Orzechowski</u>	12:15	<u>Lluís Barceló i Coblijn</u>	12:15	<u>Przemysław Żywiczyński</u>
-	<i>Origins of human gestures. A hypothesis based on messages relating to space</i>	-	<i>Faculty of language: descent with modification</i>	-	<i>An ethological-evolutionary perspective on politeness phenomena</i>
12:45	<u>Małgorzata Pytlas</u>	12:45	<u>Szymon Wróbel</u>	12:45	<u>Rodrigo de Sá-Saraiva, Ana Isabel de Sá-Saraiva</u>
-	<i>Gesture language as a prerequisite to speech</i>	-	<i>Rethinking language faculty. Has language evolved for other than language-related reasons?</i>	-	<i>From ape to human, and how early language translates into archaeology</i>
13:15	<u>Tao Gong, James W. Minett, William S-Y. Wang</u>	13:15	<u>Aleksandra Derra</u>	13:15	<u>Juan Carlos Moreno Cabrera</u>
-	<i>A framework triggering displacement in human language</i>	-	<i>Language as a notion philosophically problematic. The case of N. Chomsky's theory</i>	-	<i>The role of sound symbolism in protolanguage: some linguistic and archaeological evidence</i>
13:45	<u>Michael Gillespie</u>	13:45	<u>Ślawomir Wacewicz</u>	13:45	<u>Anna Jaskólska</u>
-	<i>The mutual relevance of G. H. Mead's social psychology and the study of language evolution</i>	-	<i>Philosophy in the evolution of language. The case of the HCF – PJ debate.</i>	-	<i>The biological basis of sound symbolism</i>
14:15	LUNCH BREAK	14:15	LUNCH BREAK	14:15	END OF THE CONFERENCE
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16:00	Chair: L. Progovac	16:00	Chair: B. de Boer		
-	<u>Bart de Boer</u>	-	<u>Dimitar Kazakov</u>		
16:30	<i>Acoustic and perceptual effects of air sacs</i>	16:30	<i>Simulating the benefits of language</i>		
16:30	<u>Daniela Lenti Boero, Luciana Bottoni</u>	16:30	<u>Tao Gong, Bernard Comrie, William S-Y Wang</u>		
-	<i>Contrasting early cry and early babbling: results from a pilot study</i>	-	<i>The necessity of computational simulation in evolutionary linguistics</i>		
17:00	<u>Luke McCrohon</u>	17:00	<u>Dimitar Kazakov, George Tsoulas</u>		
-	<i>The two stage life-cycle of cultural replicators</i>	-	<i>Applying recapitulation theory to language</i>		
17:30	COFFEE	17:30	COFFEE		
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17:45	Keynote lecture - ROOM 311 <u>Terrence Deacon (distance talk):</u> <i>Semiotic and neurological constraints on the emergence of protolanguage</i>	17:45	Chair: J. Hurford Panel discussion: <i>The present status of the Gestural Primacy Hypothesis</i> (J. Zlatev, M. Tallerman, K. Slocombe) (Introduction: S. Wacewicz)		
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19:30	MEETING AT A RESTAURANT tables booked at <u>Restauracja Sphinx</u> (upstairs) Żeglarska 31	20:00	CONFERENCE DINNER <u>Hotel Gotyk</u> Piekary 20		