Super linguistic dialogues across scientific boundaries

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Super Linguistics is a growing subfield of linguistics, which applies theoretical linguistic methodology (and methodology inspired by theoretical linguistics) to non-standard objects of study beyond natural language. Collaborations across disciplines are vital to the expansion of linguistic inquiry outside of the bounds of natural language. The goal of this workshop is thus two-fold: (i) to create a highly interactive platform for both speakers and audience, allowing for in-depth discussion, and (ii) to showcase how different disciplines, perspectives and methodological approaches inform one another.

The workshop is organized by themes, covering three currently ongoing areas of investigation: great ape gestures, visual meaning, and the semantics of emoji. In so doing, it provides a diverse sample of ongoing research in Super Linguistics. Within each area, it brings together scholarly pairings consisting of a theoretical linguist and a scholar who represents a perspective central to the object of study: primatology, philosophy, and psychology/psycholinguistics, respectively.

The workshop format will consist of three 90-minute slots, organized into two short presentations (25 minutes each in length) by the scholars who represent the theme, followed by a 20 minute dialogue between the two speakers. The dialogue period will cover topics that arise at the intersection of scientific boundaries, such as (non-exhaustively) similarities and differences in theory, methods, data collection, and even definitions (e.g., of the term *gesture* in primatology *vs.* linguistics). The dialogue will be subsequently followed by a 20 minute general discussion session between the audience and both speakers.

Invited speakers (confirmed)

Catherine Hobaiter (University of St Andrews) & Pritty Patel-Grosz (University of Oslo)
Theme: Gestural meanings from the perspective of primatology and linguistics

Gabriel Greenberg (UCLA) & Philippe Schlenker (Institut Jean-Nicod, CNRS; New York University)
Theme: Visual meaning from the perspective of philosophy and linguistics

Elsi Kaiser (University of Southern California) & Patrick Georg Grosz (University of Oslo)
Theme: Approaching emoji from the perspective of psychology and linguistics