



UNIVERSITÉ DE FRIBOURG
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SwissUniversities Doctoral Programme - Language & Cognition

Module: Language and Emotions

WHAT

Language and Emotions

What is the connection between language and emotions? How do our emotions influence language processing? How does language help us understand emotional states and responses? These and many other questions about the interface between language and emotions will be discussed in this two-day SwissUniversities workshop on Language and Emotions, presented at the University of Fribourg.

The workshop will take an interdisciplinary approach blending linguistics, psychology and cognitive sciences. It will touch upon the theoretical issues in the interplay between emotions and language, looking at how emotions affect language comprehension; What is the role of embodiment in explaining these interactions? What can we find out about language system by studying emotions? Both invited speakers will use their own expertise in the second part of this workshop to introduce and discuss the newest empirical designs used in the cognitive sciences of emotions and to investigate the language of emotions. A wide range of experimental paradigms will be presented and explained by our two international scholars and people will be encouraged to discuss their own research and designs.

In sum, this workshop will give you an insight into state-of-the-art theoretical and empirical trends in the study of emotions and embodiment and how they influence language processes. Finally ample space will be devoted to the discussion of practical and theoretical questions raised by participants.

WHO

Dr. David Havas

(Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, USA)

Dr. Cristina Soriano

(Senior researcher, University of Geneva, Switzerland)

Dr. Pascal Gyğax

(Senior lecturer, University of Fribourg, Switzerland)

WHEN

The module will take place on Thursday-Friday **1-2 December** 2016.

WHERE

This module is offered at the University of Fribourg and hosted by the pragmatics team.

Registration

15 doctoral students can take part in this module. The registration deadline is on **30 November 2016**. The programme reimburses travel expenses as well as meals and a fixed accommodation rate of 90CHF/day for participants affiliated with a Swiss university.

This workshop can be used towards obtaining course credits.

In order to register, doctoral students should contact the coordinator at

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Contact

All practical and administrative questions should be addressed to the programme coordinator, Mrs Heidi Aro, at heidi.aro@unifr.ch

More information (incl. schedule) can be found here: lettres.unifr.ch/fr/langues-litteratures/anglais/DocProg.html

Organisation

The SwissUniversities doctoral workshop Language & Cognition is organised by the University of Fribourg with the collaboration of the University of Geneva and the University of Neuchâtel.

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Dr. David Havas

Thursday, 1 December 2016,		
10h30-10h45	Organisers	Welcome and introduction
10h45-12h15	C. Soriano	Emotion language and emotion conceptualization
12h15-13h30	Lunch	
Thursday, 1 December 2016,		
13h30-15h00	P. Gygax	Emotion inferences when reading: When the protagonists' affective states matter
15h00-15h30	Coffee Break	
15h30-16h30	C. Soriano P. Gygax D. Havas	Tutorials
19h00	Dinner	

Friday, 2 December 2016,		
10h00-12h00	D. Havas	Emotional simulation and language comprehension
12h00-13h00	Lunch	
Friday, 2 December 2015,		
13h00-15h00	D. Havas	Discussion of empirical work on emotions
15h00-15h30	Coffee Break	
15h30-16h30	D. Havas C. Soriano P. Gygax	Tutorials
Conclusion		