Séminaire de recherche en Psycholinguistique
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- Monday 1st October 2018 (PA28_126): Prof Daniel Swingley (University of Pennsylvania, Department of Psychology)
  Babies learning words

- Monday 29th October 2018 (PA28_126): Prof Sabine Stoll (University of Zürich, Department of Comparative Linguistics)
  How to find universal mechanisms in first language acquisition?
  Abstract:
  One of the most burning questions in cognitive science has yet to be answered: what cognitive mechanisms enable children to learn a language? While considerable progress has been made with regard to specific mechanisms in specific languages, what remains as one of the biggest challenges is the extreme flexibility that children show when acquiring any one of the approximately 7000 languages of the world. Statistical learning processes and imitation strategies are very likely to play a key role in acquisition. But what has never been explored systematically is to what extent these processes and strategies are indeed used universally, i.e. across very different languages and structures, and how they fare when confronted with languages that differ substantially from the European languages that have almost exclusively been the focus of past research. In this talk I present a new approach called the Maximum-Diversity approach to approach this issue. The reasoning behind a maximum-diversity sample of languages is that if we find learning mechanisms in children and/or patterns in the input that hold for the most diverse languages we can assume that these are universal mechanisms. In this talk I will present a number of universal input patterns we found in longitudinal data of 10 maximally diverse languages (ACQDIV database).

- Monday 18th February 2019 (PA28_126): Dr Suzanne Jongman (Radboud University, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics)

- Monday 18th March 2019 (PA28_126): Prof Marilyn Vihman (University of York, Department of Language and Linguistic Science)

- Monday 6th May 2019 (PA28_126): Prof Robert Hartsuiker (University of Ghent, Department of Experimental Psychology)

- Monday 3rd June 2019 (PA28_126): Dr Vitoria Piai (Radboud University, Donders Centre for Cognition)

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