Finding Common Ground:
Social, Ecological, and Cognitive Perspectives on Language Use

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Bousfield Building
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

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The conference will bring together contributors to some of the major developments in cognitive science of the last few decades relating to public language use in order to promote cross-pollination. Contributions represented at the conferences are, among others from ecological psychology, enactive approaches, cognitive linguistics, and studies of “paralinguistic” activities including gestures, eye gaze and other communicative activities that are integral to public use of language.

Invited Speakers

Mark Bickhard  Department of Philosophy, Lehigh University
   The social-interactive ontology of language

Elena Cuffari  Department of Logic & Philosophy of Science, University of the Basque Country
   From participatory sense-making to language: There and back again

Rick Dale  Cognitive & Information Sciences, University of California, Merced
   Face, eyes, hands, throat: the dynamic multimodality of talking in context

Bryan Gick  Department of Linguistics, University of British Columbia
   Putting the body in embodied speech

Susan Goldin-Meadow  Department of Psychology, University of Chicago
   Gesture grounds talk in action and contributes to change

Alexander V. Kravchenko  Department of Foreign Languages, Baikal National University of Economics & Law, Russia
   Language as human ecology: A new agenda for linguistic education

Per Linell  Department of Education, Communication and Learning, Göteborg University
   Dialogism: Interactivity, agency and language

Kerry Marsh  Department of Psychology, University of Connecticut
   Social eddies: Social ecological contexts of conversing

Joanna Rączaszek-Leonardi  Psychology Dept., University of Warsaw & Polish Academy of Sciences
   How does a word become a message? Language as a system of replicable constraints on multi-time-scale dynamics

Registration: $300 for faculty, $250 grad students
(grad students may apply for a $200 rebate, if they do not have other means of support: Apply to carol.fowler@uconn.edu)

Registration pays for conference sessions for 3 days with breakfasts, lunches, coffee breaks, poster session snacks, opening reception, and conference dinner (Friday night) included. For graduate students who are attending the conference, the registration fee also covers the cost of the Pre-conference Workshop (see notice below).

Registration Website: www.regonline.com/findingcommonground

Organizers: Bert Hodges (bert.hodges@uconn.edu) & Carol Fowler (carol.fowler@uconn.edu)
Other Papers

**Drew Abney**  Cognitive and Information Sciences, University of California, Merced  
*Complexity matching across conversational settings*

**Edward Baggs**  Institute for Language, Cognition and Computation, University of Edinburgh  
*A new realist theory of speaking: Linguistic meaning without conventions*

**Stephen Cowley**  Centre for Human Interactivity, University of Southern Denmark  
*Language and languaging: How ecology brings forth subjectivity*

**Riccardo Fusaroli**  Department of Aesthetics and Communication, Aarhus University  
*Dialogical dynamics in conflict and deception*

**Bruno Galantucci**  Psychology Department, Yeshiva University  
*The development of sophisticated forms of communication in humans*

**Sabrina Golonka**  Leeds Metropolitan University, Leeds, UK  
*An ecological task analysis of language use*

**Javier González de Prado Salas**  Department of Logic, History, and Science, UNED Madrid  
*Non-algorithmic skills: The case of metaphor*

**Thomas Wiben Jensen**  Department of Language and Communication, University of Southern Denmark  
*Emotion in languaging: An ecological approach to the intertwined nature of language and emotion in social interaction*

**Peter Jones**  Cultural, Communication and Computing Research Institute, Sheffield Hallam University  
*‘Coordination’ (Herb Clark) and ‘integration’ (Roy Harris): Common ground or competing visions?*

**Robert Port**  Department of Linguistics, Indiana University  
*A language as a cultural institution*

**Nancy Rader**  Department of Psychology, Ithaca College  
*A speaker’s orchestrating of infant attention through show gestures: Evidence from pupil dilation*

**Elliot Saltzman**  Boston University, Department of Physical Therapy & Athletic Training, & Haskins Laboratories  
*Parallels between the dynamics of coordinative structures serving physical manipulation and social communication functions: Grounding agents in their environments, complex affordances, compositionality, and action grammars*

**Sune Steffensen**  Department of Language and Communication, University of Southern Denmark  
*The ecology of cognitive events: Languaging as cognitive engagement*

**Talbot Taylor**  Department of Linguistics, The College of William and Mary  
*Metadiscourse and normative sameness in language-use*

**Paul Thibault**  Faculty of Humanities and Education, University of Agder, Norway  
*Linguistic events and affordances: Socio-cognitive dynamics, virtual experience, and linguistic catalysis in human interactivity*

**Enrico Torre**  Linguistics and English Language, Lancaster University  
*Stability, variation, and causal circularity: Disclosing dynamic patterns in Italian idiomatic constructions*

**Kristian Tylén**  Department of Aesthetics and Communication, Aarhus University  
*Building common ground: Reciprocal engagement and heart rate synchronization in a collective creative Lego construction task*

**PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**  
**June 11, 2014**  
9:30 am - 3:30 pm  

**New Perspectives on Language Dynamics: Theoretical and Empirical Developments**

**Dr. Rick Dale**  
Cognitive and Information Sciences, University of California, Merced

&  
**Dr. Joanna Raćzaszek-Leonardi**  
Department of Psychology, University of Warsaw

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