

LANGUAGE, COMMUNICATION AND COGNITION

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University of Brighton, August 4-7 2008

Abstract submission deadline: November 26, 2007

The conference on Language, Communication and Cognition aims to promote an interdisciplinary, comparative, multi-methodological approach to the study of language, communication and cognition, informed by method and practice as developed in Cognitive Linguistics.

The objective is to contribute to our understanding of language as a key aspect of human cognition, using converging and multi-disciplinary methodologies, based upon cross-linguistic, cross-cultural, cross-population comparisons. The conference will take place at the University of Brighton from August 4 to 7, 2008.

Conference organizers are Vyvyan Evans, Professor of Cognitive Linguistics, and Stéphanie Pourcel, Research Fellow, University of Brighton.

Keynote speakers are:

Lera Boroditsky, Stanford University

Herbert H. Clark, Stanford University

Adele Goldberg, Princeton University

Sotaro Kita, Birmingham University

George Lakoff, University of California, Berkeley

Michael Tomasello, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig

Papers are welcome on any aspect of the relationship between language, communication and cognition. Papers which relate to the following topics are particularly welcome:

Language, creativity and imagination

Language in use

Meaning and grammar

Communication, conceptualisation and gesture

Language and its influence on thought

Language acquisition and conceptual development

Origins and evolution of language and mind

Theme Sessions

The socio-cultural, cognitive and neurological bases of metaphor

Cognitive and social processes in language use

Constructional approaches to grammar & first language acquisition

The role of gesture in communication and cognition

The social and cognitive bases of language evolution

Linguistic Relativity: evidence and methods

Submissions are solicited for the general session, the theme sessions, and the poster session. 500-word anonymous abstracts should be emailed before November 26, 2007.