

Previous meetings

Previous meetings of the PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Twenty-eighth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 08 Feb 2018

Title: Language Production is not Just for Producing Language

Guest speaker: Professor Maryellen C. MacDonald (Donald P. Hayes Professor of Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Discussants:

- Professor Holly Branigan (Edinburgh)
- Dr Jennifer Culbertson (Edinburgh)

Twenty-seventh PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 12 May 2017

Title: The Perceptual Representation of Space

Guest speaker: Professor Mohan Matthen (Canada Research Chair in Philosophy of Perception, University of Toronto)

Commentators:

- Professor Antony Trewavas FRS, FRSE (Institute of Molecular Plant Science, University of Edinburgh)
- Dr Paco Calvo (Minimal Intelligence Lab, University of Murcia, Spain, and Visiting Researcher here in PPLS)

Twenty-sixth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 10 Feb 2017

Title: Are some experiences impossible to put into words?

Guest speaker: Asifa Majid (Professor of Language, Communication and Cultural Cognition, Centre for Language Studies)

Commentators:

- Marieke Schouwstra (Language Evolution)
- Dave Ward (Philosophy)

Twenty-fifth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 28 Apr 2016

Title: Mindreading, morality, and the search for human cognitive specializations

Guest speaker: Prof H. Clark Barrett (UCLA)

Commentators:

- Prof Holly Branigan (Psychology)
- Dr Jennifer Culbertson (Linguistics and English Language)
- Dr Suilin Lavelle (Philosophy)

Twenty-fourth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 29 Sep 2015

Title: The role of cognitive flexibility in language processing and language acquisition

Guest speaker: John Trueswell, Professor of Psychology (Institute for Research in Cognitive Science, University of Pennsylvania)

Commentators:

- Martin Pickering (Psychology)
- Chris Lucas (Informatics)
- Mark Steedman (Informatics)

Twenty-third PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 18 Sep 2015

Title: The mind as goal satisfaction engine

Guest speaker: Professor David Danks (Carnegie-Mellon University)

Commentators:

- Alistair Isaac (Philosophy)
- Alex Doumas (Psychology)
- Chris Lucas (Informatics)

Twenty-second PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 26 Mar 2015

Title: The brain as a model of the world

Guest speaker: Professor Oron Shagrir (Hebrew University)

Commentators:

- David Carmel (Psychology)
- Joe Dewhurst (Philosophy)
- Paul Schweizer (Informatics)

Twenty-first PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

CANCELLED (18 Mar 2015)

Twentieth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 12 Mar 2015

Title: Perception, belief and Psychosis

Guest speaker: Paul Fletcher (University of Cambridge)

Commentators:

- Prof Andy Clark (Philosophy)
- Prof Martin Pickering (Psychology)
- Prof Stephen Lawrie (Psychiatry)

Nineteenth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 08 July 2014

Title: Philosophy in virtual environments

Guest speaker: Prof Shaun Gallagher (University of Memphis)

Commentators:

- Dr Hugh Rabagliati (Psychology)
- Prof Rob Rupert (University of Colorado)
- Prof John Sutton (Macquarie University)

Eighteenth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 19 May 2014

Title: Testing Theories of Reference

Guest speaker: Prof Michael Devitt (The Graduate Center, The City

University of New York)

Commentator: Dr Bryan Pickel (Philosophy)

Seventeenth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 12 Feb 2013

Title: Implicit and Explicit Mind Reading

Guest speakers:

- Stephen Butterfill (University of Warwick)
- Johannes Roessler (University of Warwick)
- Suilin Lavelle (Philosophy)

Sixteenth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 18 June 2012

Title: Infants' Sensitivity to Others' Belief: implicit?

Guest speaker: Prof Josef Perner (University of Salzburg)

Commentators:

- Dr Juan Gomez (University of St Andrews)
- Dr Tillmann Vierkant (Philosophy)

Fifteenth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 19 April 2012

Title: Evidence in cognitive neuroscience

Guest speaker: Prof Edouard Machery (University of Pittsburgh)

Commentators:

- Prof Bob Logie (Psychology)
- Dr Alexa Morcom (Psychology)
- Dr Mark Sprevak (Philosophy)

Fourteenth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 27 June 2011

Title: Transcultural perspectives in Dementia

Guest speaker: Prof Ennapadam S. Krishnamoorthy (Chennai/formerly Madras)

Thirteenth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 24 May 2011

Title: Reading processes in beginning readers, older readers, and Chinese readers: Evidence from eye movements

Guest speaker: Professor Keith Rayner (Psychology Department, University of California, San Diego)

Commentators:

- Richard Shillcock (Psychology/Informatics)
- Antje Nuthmann (Psychology)

Twelfth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 10 May 2011

Title: Models, mechanisms, and animal minds

Guest speaker: Colin Allen (Indiana University - Bloomington)

Commentators:

- Maggie McGonigle (Psychology)

- Matt Nudds (Philosophy)

Eleventh PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 28 April 2011

Title: Broca's Identificaton of Aphasia (150th Anniversary Commemoration)

Guest speakers:

- Marjorie Lorch (Birkbeck, University of London)
- Katrin Amunts (RWTH Aachen University)
- Christopher Code (University of Exeter)

Commentators:

- Helen Kelly (Queen Margaret University)
- Neil Roberts (Clinical Research Imaging Centre & CCACE)
- Thomas Bak (PPLS, CCACE & Centre for Clinical Brain Sciences)

Tenth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 07 March 2011

Title: The time course of speech comprehension

Guest speaker: Dr Delphine Dahan (University of Pennsylvania)

Commentators:

- Richard Shillcock (Psychology/Informatics)
- Frank Keller (Informatics)
- Ellen Gurman Bard (Linguistics)

Ninth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 24 January 2011

Title: Neural mechanisms of social cognition

Guest speaker: Professor Kai Vogeley (Cologne)

Commentators:

- Sharon Abrahams (Psychology)
- Jeremy Hall (Psychiatry)
- Tillmann Vierkant (Philosophy)

Eighth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 22 November 2010

Title: Is metacognition a form of self-interpretation?

Guest speaker: Joëlle Proust (Institut Jean-Nicod, Paris)

Seventh PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 18 November 2010

Title: Is Consciousness Just Attention?

Guest speaker: Jesse J. Prinz, Distinguished Professor (City University of New York, Graduate Centre)

Sixth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 30 August 2010

Title: Some evidence for cognitive universals in language and beyond.

Guest speaker: Paul Smolensky & Jenny Culbertson (John Hopkins University)

Edinburgh University commentators:

- Professor Geoffrey Pullum

- Professor Jim Hurford

Fifth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 19 and 20 January 2010

Title: An Empirical Perspective on the Mencius-Xunzi Debate about Human Nature

Title: The Moral Behavior of Ethics Professors: Empirical Evidence

Guest speaker: Professor Eric Schwitzgebel (University of California, Riverside)

Commentators:

- Prof Mike Ridge (Philosophy)
- Prof Sergio Della Sala (Psychology)
- Prof Michael Northcott (Divinity)

Fourth PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 17 December 2009

Title: Memory disorders in the Law Courts

Guest speaker: Professor Michael Kopelman (Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London)

Commentators:

- Prof Charles Warlow
- Dr Alan Carson

Third PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 08 September 2009

Title: The Social Brain

Guest speaker: Professor Chris Frith, FRS, (UCL and the University of Aarhus)

Edinburgh University commentators:

- Holly Brannigan
- Till Vierkant

Second PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 15 December 2008

Title: Evolution of the social brain: from cognition to neural underpinnings

Guest speaker: Professor Robin Dunbar

First PPLS Interdisciplinary Seminar

Date: 02 September 2008

Title: Mirror neurons: a paradigm shift in cognitive science?

Guest speaker: Professor April MacMahon or Dr Thomas Bak

Edinburgh University commentators:

- Professor Martin Pickering
- Professor Jim Hurford
- Professor Andy Clark
- Dr Julian Kiverstein
- Dr Katie Overy
- Professor Rizzolatti