

Two-day workshop on theoretical aspects of deictic communication

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Deictic communication, like pointing and referencing, is fundamental to understanding communication in both typical and atypical populations, and forms the key connection between language and objects/locations in the world. It is therefore critical to understanding human-human interaction. This two-day workshop will combine an introduction to theoretical aspects of deictic communication by DComm members and keynote lectures by leading researchers in the field.

Time: 10-11 January 2017

Venue: Aarhus University, Nobelsalen, building 1485, Jens Chr. Skous Vej 2, 8000 Aarhus

PhD course credit: 1 ECTS.



PROGRAMME

Tuesday 10/1 -2017

Course instructors:

Professor Kenny Coventry, University of East Anglia

Professor Holger Diessel, University of Jena

Associate professor Mikkel Wallentin, Aarhus University

Associate professor Kristian Tylén, Aarhus University

9.00-10.30: Theoretical topics in deictic communication 1 - *language in the brain, spatial memory systems, bodily frames of reference* (Holger Diessel/Mikkel Wallentin/ Kenny Coventry)

10.30-10.45: Coffee break

10.45-12.15: Theoretical topics in deictic communication 2 – *joint attention, linguistic frames of reference* (Holger Diessel/Mikkel Wallentin/ Kenny Coventry)

12.15-13.15: Lunch

13.15-14.45: Practical exercise in deictic communication (Mikkel Wallentin/ Kristian Tylén)

14.45-15.00: Coffee break

15.00-16.30: Theoretical topics in deictic communication 3 - *proximal/distal dichotomy, mentalizing* (Holger Diessel/Mikkel Wallentin/ Kenny Coventry)

Wednesday 11/1-2017

13.15-14.45: Invited Keynote speaker (Professor Marianne Gullberg, Lund University, “Bimodality of discourse across languages”)

14.45-15.00: Coffee break

15.00-16.30: Invited Keynote speaker (Professor Ulf Liszkowski, Hamburg University, “Developmental aspects of deictic communication”)

16.30-17.30: Business meeting (DComm board)

19.00- Concert and reception: Kenny Coventry all star jazz-band (with short introduction on improvisational communication among musicians by professor Peter Vuust)