

# PPLS, University of Edinburgh: Postgraduate Conference 2005

## Programme

All talks will be held in B9, Adam Ferguson Building.

### Wednesday, April 20th - morning

**SESSION 1** Chair: James R Hurford

10:30-11:00 **Dave Hawkey (Edinburgh: LEC)**  
*Evolutionary Models of Meaning*

11:00-11:30 **Vipas Pothipath (Edinburgh: LEC)**  
*Typology and Possible Evolution of Numeral-Noun Constructions*

- BREAK -

**SESSION 2** Chair: Kenny Smith

12:00-12:30 **Stefan Hoefler (Edinburgh: LEC)**  
*Is Syntactic Ambiguity an Adaptation to the Learning Bottleneck?*

12:30-1:00 **Dan Dediu (Edinburgh: LEC)**  
*Simulating Language and Genetic (De)Correlations - General Problems*

— WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON: NO SESSIONS —

### Thursday, April 21st - morning

**SESSION 3** Chair: Ronnie Cann

10:30-11:00 **Mark McConville (Edinburgh: ICCS)**  
*Towards a Performance Theory of the CCG Lexicon*

11:00-11:30 **Cancelled (Edinburgh: TAAL)**  
*Modelling Semantic and Phonetic Weight - NP Case Studies*

- BREAK -

**SESSION 4** Chair: Daniel Wedgwood

12:00-12:30 **Stavros Assimakopoulos (Edinburgh: TAAL)**  
*Ad-Hoc-Context, Context Selection and Relevance*

12:30-1:00 **Merilin Miljan (Edinburgh: TAAL)**  
*Morphological object marking in Estonian – how to account for it?*

### Thursday, April 21st - afternoon

**SESSION 5** Chair: Hugh Trappes-Lomax

2:00-2:30 **Corinne Maxwell-Reid (Edinburgh: TAAL)**  
*Using Contrastive Rhetoric to Compare Spanish and English Discourse*

2:30-3:00 **Vasuki Walker (Edinburgh: TAAL)**  
*From 'Variant' to 'Variance': Contextualising Phonology*

- BREAK -

**SESSION 6** Chair: Tony Lynch

3:30-4:00 **Phaisit Boriboon (Edinburgh: TAAL)**  
*"Third Space" Materials and EFL Learners' Linguistic Markers of Involvement*

4:00-4:30 **Onnicha Sudachit (Edinburgh: TAAL)**  
*Task Evaluation in an EFL Reading Course for Thai University Students*

### Friday, April 22nd - morning

**SESSION 7** Chair: Alice Turk

10:00-10:30 **Timothy Mills (Edinburgh: TAAL)**  
*An Endoscopic Study of Glottal Opening in Normal and Whispered Voicing Contrasts*

10:30-11:00 **Lukas Wiget (Edinburgh: TAAL)**  
*Sublexical Representations in Spoken Word Recognition: a Repetition-priming Study*

11:00-11:30 **Emi Sakamoto (Edinburgh: TAAL)**  
*L2 Production and Perception in Japanese Phonological Contrasts: From the Methodological Point of View*

- BREAK -

**SESSION 8** Chair: Bob Ladd

12:00-12:30 **Inga McKendry (Edinburgh: TAAL)**  
*Evidence for Right Tone Shift in Mixtec Languages*

12:30-1:00 **Fiona Kenney (Edinburgh: CSTR)**  
*Using the Bayesian Information Criterion to Segment Speech into Sub-word Units*

### Friday, April 22nd - afternoon

**SESSION 9** Chair: Janet McLean

2:00-2:30 **Annabel Harrison (Edinburgh: Psychology)**  
*Semantic Effects Subject Verb Agreement: Do L2 Speakers Differ from L1 Speakers?*

2:30-3:00 **Manon Jones (Edinburgh: Psychology)**  
*Investigating the Cause(s) of Dyslexia: Do Aberrant Visual Processes Slow Performance on Time-pressured Letter-naming Tests?*

- BREAK -

**SESSION 10** Chair: Antonella Sorace

3:30-4:00 **Catherine Dickie (Edinburgh: TAAL)**  
*Phonological Representations in Dyslexia*

4:00-4:30 **Hannele Nicholson (Edinburgh: TAAL)**  
*Disfluency and Eyegaze: "You ehm You don't see that?"*

4:30-5:00 **Susanna Flett (Edinburgh: TAAL & Psychology)**  
*Acquisition of Syntactic Structures and Preferences in L2 Speakers*

### Posters

Coffee breaks on Friday, linguistics' common room

**Lynn Clark (Edinburgh: TAAL)**  
*Investigating t-glottaling and th-fronting in Fife: Evidence from an Ethnographic Study of an Adolescent Community (of Practice?)*

**Lucy MacGregor (Edinburgh: TAAL & Psychology), Martin Corley (Edinburgh: Psychology) & David Donaldson (Stirling: Psychology)**  
*It's Not Just What You Say, It's Also How You Say It: Disfluency in Speech Affects the Comprehension Process*

**Jyi-yeon Yi (Edinburgh: TAAL)**  
*The Linguistic Characteristics of Korean Students' English Writing*

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