

VISUAL COMMUNICATION (PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE)



13.04.2023 Overview (offline)

20.04.2023 Intro of topics



27.04.2023 Gesture

04.05.2023 Sign

11.05.2023 Emoji



18.05.2023 *Christi Himmelfahrt*

25.05.2023 Picture, Comic, Film

01.06.2023 Iconicity in Gesture and Sign

08.06.2023 *Fronleichnam*



15.06.2023 Perspective in Gesture

22.06.2023 Perspective in Sign

29.06.2023 Multimodality: Comics: written language and pictures



06.07.2023 Multimodality: Alignment of gesture and speech

13.07.23 Individual discussions (offline)

14.07.23 Workshop with talks (hybrid) and postersession online via gathertown



Description:

The seminar investigates the special features and linguistic significance of visual communication. This comprises sign languages as fully developed natural languages which exclusively rely on the visual channel for communication, but also visual means that enhance spoken language such as gestures or written language such as emojis. Recent research on sign language and co-speech gestures in spoken languages shows that the visual-gestural modality provides direct insights into the semantic and pragmatic structure of utterances. In addition, iconic aspects of language play a central role in the evolution and constitution of meanings in sign language and co-speech gestures.

In this seminar, we will discuss selected formal analyses of gesture semantics, sign languages, and the semantic contribution of emojis. The focus will be on topics such as iconicity, demonstration, perspective, emojis, co-speech gestures, and sign languages.

The seminar will take the form of an advanced seminar or colloquium in cooperation with the University of Goettingen (Prof. Dr. Markus Steinbach) and the University of Wuppertal (Prof. Dr. Stefan Hinterwimmer), with whom participants will be connected from a media-supported space. Some external guests will give virtual lectures on some of the above mentioned topics and thus discuss their current research with the audiences in Frankfurt, Goettingen and Wuppertal in a hybrid event.

At the end of the semester, a closing workshop at Goethe University in a hybrid format is planned, where participants and invited researchers present their work, either in presence or via zoom/gathertown.

Participation Info:

The seminar will take place at three different locations (Goethe University Frankfurt, University of Göttingen, University of Wuppertal).

It is planned in a hybrid manner. You are invited to participate online or in person.

If you wish to participate in the seminar (online or in presence), please send a mail to Cornelia Ebert <ebert@lingua.uni-frankfurt.de>.