

# **Language Acquisition and Change: Across the Lifespan and across Generations**

Research Center on Multilingualism, University of Hamburg  
June 12 – 13, 2008.

Venue: Gästehaus der Universität, Rothenbaumchaussee 34  
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## **Program**

### **June 12, 2008**

- 08.30-08.35     Monika Rothweiler (Chair of the Research Center on Multilingualism):  
Welcome address
- 08.35-09.00     Jürgen M. Meisel:  
Language acquisition and diachronic change – introductory remarks
- 09.00-09.50     Gillian Sankoff:  
Lifespan change and language change: Real-time evidence for three trajectory  
types
- 09.50-10.30     Martin Rakow, Conxita Lleó & Javier Navarro:  
Bilingual acquisition of VOT across the first years of life and beyond

#### *Coffee break*

- 10.50-11.30     Conxita Lleó, Susana Cortés & Ariadna Benet:  
Comparing on-going sound change in Catalan across generations in two  
districts of Barcelona
- 11.30-12.10     Monika Rothweiler:  
Subject omissions in German successive bilingual children

#### *Lunch break*

- 14.00-14.50     Christina Flores:  
Language attrition in Portuguese-German bilinguals
- 14.50-15.30     Aldona Sopata:  
Finiteness in child second language acquisition
- 15.30-16.10     Claudia Stöber:  
The acquisition of clitic subject and object pronouns in early child L2

#### *Coffee break*

16.30-17.10 Frédéric Isel & Christian Büchel:  
Does the cortical representation of the mental lexicon “change” according to the age of onset of language acquisition? FMRI evidence from successive and simultaneous French-German bilingual readers.

17.10-17.50 Monique Kügow:  
Hearing adults with deaf parents: bimodal-bilingual language impact on the brain

*Coffee break*

18.00-18.50 Fred Weerman:  
Rules and frames in change: the case of grammatical gender

19.30 *Conference dinner*

### **June 13, 2008**

09.00-09.50 Mary A. Kato:  
The 'grammar' of literate Brazilian adults at the turn of the century

09.50-10.30 Lukas Pietsch:  
Changes across the lifespan in the written record? Case studies from 19th-century letter writers

*Coffee break*

10.50-11.30 Steffen Höder:  
When did who change what? Observations from late medieval Swedish and their implications for historical linguistics

11.30-12.10 Martin Elsig:  
Quantitative patterns of language change as indicators for grammatical change

12.10-13.00 David Lightfoot:  
Complexity in language change

13.00-13.15 Esther Rinke:  
Closing remarks