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Cognitive, Grammatical, and Social Aspects

Short-term fellow talk, Tuesday 11 December 2018, 14:15 pm, Campus Golm, Building 14, Room 2.15/16

Jenny Yu (Western Sydney University, MARCS Institute) will give a talk on

Native and non-native stress perception in German listeners

Abstract:

Incoming information is rapidly used by listeners to differentiate between competitor words for spoken-word recognition and stress cues are one type of information that can be exploited. For example, a stressed syllable is likely to be longer, louder, and show greater pitch movement than an unstressed syllable. Previous studies have indicated these suprasegmental cues to stress may be exploited less effectively by English listeners than by Dutch and German listeners. Specifically, Cooper et al. (2002) found that Dutch listeners were more accurate than English listeners at assigning a monosyllabic fragment (e.g., mus) to one of two words differing in stress (e.g., MUSic vs muSEum). In a replication study, native Germans were tested on the same task to examine whether German listeners can also exploit suprasegmental cues to stress in their non-native English. A German version of the paradigm was also created and tested for comparison. This talk will present preliminary results from these experiments.

Everyone is cordially invited.