



SFB Guest Lecture

**Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 10 am
Campus Golm, Building 14, Room 3.02/03**

Invited by projects C05 and C08

Dr. [Gert-Jan Schoenmakers](#) (Utrecht University)
will give a talk on

An experimental investigation of discourse-based claims about certain filler-gap dependencies

Abstract:

Explanations for linguistic phenomena are often sought either in the syntax or in non-syntactic components of human cognition, e.g. through demands of discourse processing. The unacceptability of filler-gap dependencies in island and parasitic gap constructions is a notable example: while some researchers claim that grammatical constraints impede long-distance dependency formation, others claim that (discourse-inaccessible) referring arguments contribute to processing complexity to the extent that acceptability is significantly reduced. This talk presents new data to empirically evaluate such claims in adjunct island and parasitic gap constructions in Dutch and, time permitting, two types of interrogative island constructions in Romanian.

Everyone is cordially invited.

Gert-Jan Schoenmakers is available for meetings on Thursday and Friday. If you want to make an appointment, please contact him directly:

g.t.schoenmakers@uu.nl