



## Short-term fellow talk

**Friday 09 August 2019, 14:00 pm, Campus Golm, Building 14, Room 2.15-16**

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will give a talk on

### ***Uyghur Speakers' Knowledge of Vowel and Vowel-Consonant Harmony***

#### Abstract:

Present study explores Uyghur speakers' knowledge of the interaction between Uyghur vowels (front and back) in stems and consonants (velars and uvulars) as well as vowels in suffixes. Using online Wug-test experiment, present study investigates whether Uyghur speakers actually have the knowledge of Vowel-Vowel harmony and Vowel-Consonant harmony rules in their mind or not. In the experiment, there will be 90 Uyghur nonword stems (18 of them will be fillers) within C1V1C2 template as targeted stimuli. They will be followed by a suffix containing neutral vowel /i/ and three different harmonizing suffixes (-DA, -GA and -Gili) in three different conditions so that we can examine long-distance Vowel-Vowel and Vowel-Consonant harmony process. Participant will be asked to choose between different forms of harmonizing suffixes (-da/-dæ, -gæ/-ɣa and -gili/-ɣili) in these three different conditions during Wug-test experiment. We hope this study can contribute to people's understanding of UG interpretation for natural (& unnatural) phonological patterns cross-linguistically.

Everyone is cordially invited.