



Universitärer Forschungsschwerpunkt
Kognitionswissenschaften

SFB Guest Lecture

Monday, 23 April 2018, 4 pm
Campus Golm, Building 14, Room 0.47

At the invitation of the SFB 1287 and the UFSKW

Prof. Daniel L. Everett (Trustee Professor of Sociology and Global Studies, Bentley University, Waltham, Mass) will give a talk

On the Role of Culture in Language and Cognition

This talk provides an overview of some recent research on how culture is causally implicated in the understanding of human cognition. In particular, I review studies on the influence of culture on short-term memory, grammar, numerical cognition, and language evolution. I also provide a list of desiderata for research methodologies on the connections between culture and cognition and a direction for future research.

Dan Everett is one of the few linguists known to a broader public - through his books *Don't Sleep, There are Snakes*, *Language: the Cultural Tool*, *Dark Matter of the Mind*, and *How Language Began* and also through his debate with Chomsky on the role of recursion in natural language. He has published many articles and also book-length studies on phonological and syntactic aspects of a variety of South American languages, among them Wari' and Pirahã. Dan Everett is Dean of Art and Sciences at Bentley University. Before that, he held professorship positions in Pittsburgh, Manchester, and at Illinois State University.

Everyone is cordially invited.

Please note: Prof. Everett will give an additional talk at the **Einstein Forum** (Am Neuen Markt 7, 14467 Potsdam) on Tuesday 24 April 2018, 7pm on *How Language Began. Homo erectus and the Origin of Language*.

Gesprächsleitung: Prof. Dr. Gisbert Fanselow, Potsdam