

## CALL FOR PAPERS

Gesture session at AFLiCo3, 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of the French Cognitive Linguistics Association, “Grammars in Construction(s)”, University of Paris 10-Nanterre, May 27-29, 2009

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Deadline: November 24, 2008

### THEME SESSION: 'MULTIMODALITY AND GRAMMATICAL INTEGRATION'

Much research in cognitive linguistics now adopts a multimodal view of language, i.e. “gestures are an integral part of language” (McNeill 1992: 2). Nevertheless, there is no obvious or single way to describe how gestures are integrated with language. In the current theme session we propose to investigate this problem from the perspective of grammar.

We invite contributions that address the following broad questions: Are gestures integrated with grammar during speech? If so, how can we identify and describe this integration? The questions can be approached from a variety of perspectives, which might include (but are not limited to):

- locating integration
- types, degrees, levels, and hierarchies of integration
- ‘grammatical’ phenomena: negation, quantification, topicalisation, co-ordination, etc.
- processes of conventionality, schematicity, abstraction, and type construction
- theoretical perspectives: e.g. construction grammars, cognitive grammars, grammaticalization theory
- comparisons between spoken and signed languages

Abstract submission: The deadline for submitting abstracts is November 24, 2008. Abstracts should not exceed 500 words (references excluded). Please send two copies of your abstract by email: one anonymous and one including name and affiliation of author(s). In the main body of the email, specify author(s), affiliation(s), title of talk, and 3-5 keywords. We will notify applicants by mid-December. Presentations will be allotted 20 minutes plus 10 minutes for questions. There will be a slot reserved for more general discussion at the end of the session. For information and abstract submission please contact Simon Harrison at [simon.harrison@ens-lyon.fr](mailto:simon.harrison@ens-lyon.fr). To visit the AFLiCo 3 conference website go to: [www.modyco.fr/aflico3/](http://www.modyco.fr/aflico3/).