

# Milestone I

16. – 17.02.2007

## **“Focusing the Project Goals”**

A plenary meeting within the framework of the project

### **Towards a “grammar” of gesture: evolution, brain, and linguistic structures**

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Program: “Schlüsselthemen der Geisteswissenschaften”  
Research base: European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) (EUV)  
Workshop venue: EUV, Auditorium Maximum, Room 104

## Participants

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# Program

## **Thursday, 15.02.2007**

19.30                      *Welcome reception & buffet: City Park Hotel, Frankfurt (Oder)*

## **Friday, 16.02.2007**

10.00 - 10.45            *Welcome: presentation of the participants and the schedule*

11.00 - 12.30            *Towards a "grammar" of gesture:  
evolution, brain and linguistic structures  
Project overview presented by  
Cornelia Müller, Ellen Fricke, Hedda Lausberg, Katja Liebal*

12.30 - 14.30            *Lunch: Audi Max Refectory, Viadrina University*

14.30 - 15.30            *Grammatical functions of gestures: multimodal attribution  
Talk by Ellen Fricke*

15.30 - 15.45            *Coffee break*

15.45 - 16.45            *Gestural modes of representation  
Talk by Cornelia Müller*

16.45 - 17.00            *Coffee break*

17.00 - 18.00            *Gestural communication in non-human primates  
Talk by Katja Liebal*

19.30                      *Evening meal: Kontor Restaurant, Frankfurt (Oder)*

## **Saturday, 16.02.2007**

09.00 - 11.00            *Neuropsychology of gesture  
Talk by Hedda Lausberg*

11.00 - 11.30            *Coffee break*

11.30 - 13.30            *Gestures in human and non-human primates compared  
Talk by Katja Liebal*

13.30 - 15.00            *Lunch: Town Hall Cellar Restaurant, Frankfurt (Oder)*

15.15 - 16.45            *Final discussion with coffee*