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WORKSHOP



UNIVERSAL GRAMMAR AND LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY

Organized by Dr. Veronica Cibotaru

March 30-31, 2026
Villa Köstlin, Rümelinstr. 27

COLLEGE OF FELLOWS



MONDAY, MARCH 30

10:00 – 10:15 am

Opening

10:15 – 11:15 am

Daniel Hole (University of Stuttgart)

“Universalism as a Biographical and Epistemic Necessity”

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Friederike Moltmann (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique)

“Integrated and Abstract Wholes: Prospects for a Constructional Ontology as Part of Universal Grammar”

2:30 – 3:30 pm

Paul Pietroski (Rutgers University)

“Constrained Ambiguity: Knowing What Sentences Don’t Mean”

3:45 – 4:45 pm

David J. Lobina (Universidad a Distancia de Madrid)

“Putting Thoughts Together: The Logical Connectives in Language and Thought”

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Martina Wiltschko (Pompeu Fabra University)

“The universal spine: from a typological tool of discovery and comparison to a cognitive model” (online)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Chair: Asya Achimova (University of Tübingen)

10:00 – 11:00 am

Martin Butz (University of Tübingen),
“How Can a Universal Grammar Emerge from Grounded Cognition?”

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Harald Baayen (University of Tübingen),
“Universal Grammar or Universal Algorithms?”

2:15 – 3:15 pm

Gerhard Jäger (University of Tübingen),
“Statistical Probing of the Validity of Statistical Universals”

3:30 – 4:30 pm

Veronica Cibotaru (University of Tübingen),
“On the Ambiguity of the Notion of Recursion”

4:45 – 5:45 pm

Yannick Essengue (University of Toulouse-Jean Jaurès),
“Reframing Universal Grammar Through Decolonial Epistemologies: Mudimbe, Eboussi Boulaga, and the Grammar of Coloniality”

5:45 – 6:15 pm

Open Discussion

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