



# UNRAVELING LINGUISTIC PRODUCTIVITY

Insights into usage,  
processing and variability

Ghent University · 21-23 May 2024

## Programme

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

8:30–9:00 **Arrival and registration**

9:00–9:30 **Opening**

9:30–10:45 **Keynote**

**Harald Baayen & Kristian Berg**

Historical and psycholinguistic perspectives on morphological productivity: A sketch of an integrative approach

10:45–11:15 **Victoria Fendel**

Readable or legible? The bound form of the postclassical Greek doing affix

11:15–11:45 **Coffee break**

11:45–12:15 **Pegah Faghiri, Eva van Lier & Monique Flecken**

Frequency effects and the representation of light verb construction: A priming study of alternating Persian LVCs

12:15–12:45 **Mariia Baltais & Rob Hartsuiker**

(Eye-)Tracking syntactic productivity: The case of the Spanish inchoative

12:45–13:15 **Short talk session**

**Mihaela Iliaia**: Accusative alternating predicates in Romanian – priming at thematic role level

**Joren Somers, Anna Jessen & Jóhanna Barðdal**: The schematicity and productivity of alternating Dat-Nom/Nom-Dat verbs in German

13:15–14:15 **Lunch break**

14:15–14:45 **Hanife Ilen, Gunnar Jacob & Helen Engemann**

Cross-linguistic structural priming and its role in contact-induced language change: Ungrammatical priming in Turkish-German bilinguals

14:45–15:15 **Arielle Roadman & Corentin Mazet**

From English borrowings to parts of the French system: The *-ing* suffix and velar nasal phoneme

15:15–15:45 **Bilyana Todorova & Mihaela Iliaia**

Alternating predicates in Romanian and Bulgarian: A comparative study on the Harry Potter corpus

15:45–16:15 **Coffee break**

16:15–16:45 **Suzanne Lesage & Richard Huyghe**

Transitivity as productivity in transitivity: An experimental investigation in French

16:45–17:15 **Martin Godts & Miriam Taverniers**

Productivity of verb-medium colligations

17:15–18:15 **Keynote**

**Thomas Hoffmann**

Productivity and creativity: Insights from the 5C model of constructional creativity

18:15–20:15 **Welcome reception**



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Wednesday, May 22, 2024

9:00–10:00 **Keynote**

**Dagmar Divjak**

Through the learning glass: What kind of structure emerges from usage?

10:00–10:30 **Jing Chen**

Semantic Factoring lies behind Productivity: A Distributional Approach to Investigate two Synonymous Quasi-Affixes in Mandarin

10:30–11:00 **Romain Delhem & Caroline Marty**

Measuring the correlation of productivity rates for English libfixes

11:00–11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30–12:00 **Kim-Kriste Droste**

These words had my teeth on edge: Examining the role of morphological productivity in acceptability judgments of hapax

12:00–12:30 **Therese Landh**

Development of productive preterit rules in the grammar of Swedish-speaking children

12:30–13:00 **Short talk session**

**Pegah Faghiri**: Diachronic changes and different patterns of (morphological) productivity: the case of causative construction in Persian

**Anouk Van den Stock, Anne-Sophie Ghyselen & Timothy Colleman**: Individual differences in productivity: Intra- and extralinguistic determinants in evaluations of “creative” uses of grammatical patterns

13:00–14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00–14:30 **Barthe Bloom**

Productivity and the paradigm of preposed adverbial clause connection

13:30–15:00 **Gunnar Jacob, Lena Kaltenbach & Mirja Maier**

Structural priming and the emergence of the *to*-dative in Middle English

15:00–15:30 **Pahonțu Serafino Beatrice**

A quantitative study of averitivity: How Romanian *a fi pe cale* (lit. 'to be on the way') became a productive averitive construction

15:30–16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00–16:30 **Reza Soltani & Laura Janda**

Productivity at the margins of polysemy: The case of Persian *faqare*

16:30–17:00 **Anne Merkuur**

Competing productive rules and ongoing change: Evidence from Frisian verbal morphology

17:00–18:00 **Keynote**

**Stefan Hartmann**

Productivity as a mosaic: Disentangling dimensions of productivity in theory and practice

18:15–20:15 **Walking dinner**



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Thursday, May 23, 2024

9:00–10:00 **Keynote**

**Ewa Dąbrowska**

Partial productivity is the rule rather than the exception

10:00–10:30 **Nurit Melnik & Ittamar Erb**

Productivity, creativity, and genre: The case of the Hebrew possessive construction

10:30–11:00 **Lara Höttecke**

Token by token: A bottom-up approach to NPN productivity

11:00–11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30–12:00 **Peter Lauwers & Margot Van den Heede**

Productivity and semantic sparsity within a family of minimizing constructions

12:00–12:30 **Hendrik Kligge, Ewa Dąbrowska & Thorsten Piske**

Individual variation in German noun phrase agreement

12:30–13:00 **Veronika Stampfer**

The productivity of the Evaluative Attribution Construction in Modern English

13:00–14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00–14:30 **Gerard Kempen & Karin Harbusch**

Could Zipf's word-frequency law originate from sample-space reduction driven by systematic underspecification of intended meanings during word selection?

13:30–15:00 **Quentin Feltgen**

Can we reliably measure productivity independently of token frequency? A statistical test based on Zipf-Mandelbrot generated data

15:00–15:30 **Dirk Pijpops**

What lexical biases tell us about schematicity and productivity

15:30–16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00–16:30 **Alice Mevis**

Constructionalization and (limits on) productivity in emerging varieties: the case of Mozambican Portuguese

16:30–17:00 **Francesca Masini & Flavio Pesciotta**

The productivity of morphological and syntactic evaluative constructions in Italian: exploring networks and daughters

17:00–18:00 **Keynote**

**Adele Goldberg**

Productivity: Using a system of learned constructions to express new messages

18:00–18:15 **Closing session**

20:00–22:00 **Guided city walk**