

## **General Staff Meeting**

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

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## Agenda Staff Meeting September 17, 2024

- 1. News from the MD
  - a. Departures and Arrivals
  - b. PhD defences
  - c. Upcoming events
  - d. Honours and awards
- 2. News from Data Protection Committee
- 3. News from TG
- 4. News from Communications
- 5. News from Colloquium Committee
- 6. News from Library Committee
- 7. News from Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
- 8. News from Research Staff Committee
- 9. News from PhD reps
- 10. News from Equal Opportunities

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Stan van der Burght and Antje Meyer "Syntactic traffic control in English and Dutch"

## **Departures and arrivals**

#### Research Staff (RS), PhD students, other staff and long-term guests leaving

Mubeen Khan	14.08.2024
Laura Manko	31.08.2024
Veerle Wilms	31.08.2024
Lukas Galke	14.09.2024
Gabriela Garrido Rodriguez	30.09.2024
Hanne van Uden	30.09.2024
Ronny Bujok	30.11.2024
Filiz Tezcan Semerci	30.11.2024
Yevheniy Skyra	14.12.2024

#### New Research Staff (RS), PhD students and other staff (present)

Esther Holl		15.07.24
Johan Ros	RA	01.08.24
Anniek Corporaal		01.09.24
Hatice Zora	RS	01.09.24
Ercenur Unal	RS	01.09.24
Jonas Noelle	RS	01.09.24
Esam Ghaleb	RS	01.09.24
Angel Dyke Polivka	PhD	01.09.24

#### Department/Group Operations Language Development Communications

Multimodal Language Multimodal Language Multimodal Language Multimodal Language Language Development

## **Departures and arrivals**

#### New Research Staff (RS), PhD students and other staff (present) Department/Group

Oxana Grosseck		01.09.2024	Operations
Magda Matetovici	PhD	15.09.2024	Language Development
Kate Groves	RA	15.09.2024	Multimodal Language
Martina Mellana	RA	15.09.2024	Multimodal Language

#### New Research Staff (RS) and PhD students (expected)

Selim Sametoglu	RS	01.10.2024
Helin Erden	RA	01.10.2024
Jule Hafermann	PhD	15.10.2024
Nicole Ng	PhD	01.11.2024

#### New Guests (present)

Emma Löfgren	04.07.2024
Anjoom Tahir Alikkam Veetil	01.09.2024
Deema Takaleh	01.09.2024
Kaan Bayar	01.09.2024
Carolina Rodriguez Chavarria	01.09.2024
Anna Palmann	01.09.2024
Amber Wang	15.09.2024

#### **Department/Group**

Language Development Psychology of Language Language Development Language and Genetics

#### Host

Multimodal Language Talent+ Talent+ Talent+ Talent+ Multimodal Language Multimodal Language

## **Departures and arrivals**

#### New Guests (expected)

Tanja Diederich Divyanshu Pathak Montserrat Soberanes Morales Diane Gusmao da Silva Aylin Küntay

\* depends on issue of visa

07.10.2024 01.10.2024\* 01.10.2024\* 07.10.2024 12.10.2024

#### Host

Language Development Talent+ Talent+ Language and Computation in Neural Systems Multimodal Language

## New COO Cedric Gertzen



## PhD defences since last Staff Meeting



Rowan Sommers on June 17 Neurobiology of reference



Saskia Mooijman on July 1 Control of language in bilingual speakers with and without aphasia



Alessio Quaresima on July 12 Bridge Not Too Far: Neurobiological causal models of word recognition

## PhD defences since last Staff Meeting



Melis Çetinçelik on September 12 A Look into Language: The Role of Visual Cues in Early Language Acquisition in the Infant Brain



Sophie Slaats on September 16 On the interplay between lexical probability and syntactic structure in language comprehension



**Upcoming Event** 

Friday September 27

Location: St. Stevenskerk Time: 15.45 hrs

Messages from the upper room

English text available

## Upcoming Events 2024/2025/2026– Save the dates

**MPI General Staff Meeting** December 17, including End of Year party (volunteers?)

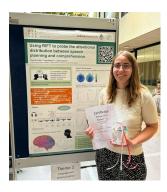
## Nijmegen Lectures by Fernanda and Vic Ferreira

January 07-09, 2025

**10th Conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies (ISGS)** July 9-11, 2025

Fachbeirat January 26-30, 2026!

## Honours and awards - Congratulations



Cecília Hustá wins Donders Poster Prize

Otto Hahn Medals for Joery den Hoed and Laura Giglio





Behaviour Genetics Association award for Lucía de Hoyos

## Honours and awards - Congratulations



Giacomo Bignardi wins Robert Frances award of the International Association of Empirical Aesthetics



Rubicon grant for Cas Coopmans







## Team behind privacy@mpi.nl



Oxana Grosseck New DPCo



Annelies van Wijngaarden DPCo Deputy



Patricia Manko Consultant



Tobias van Valkenhoef IT Security Officer



Reiner Dirksmeyer Head of TG



Heidi Schuster Central Data Protection Officer (Munich Headquarters)

datenschutz@mpg.de

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## Updates



- Oxana just joined as DPCo
  - 16h/week: Mon, Tues, Thurs
- Data protection workshops from MPG (end October)
- Experimental key file management
  - Lab Managers and Research Coordinators should have received information on the new keyfile protocol in July let us know if not!

## Updates

## **Data Protection workshops MPG**

- Mandatory for everyone
- Register through LMS (see newsletter for more info)

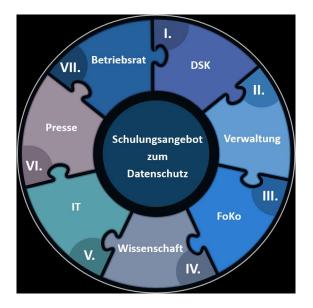
### **Tuesday October 29**

09:00 - 12:00: Administrative staff 13:00 - 17:00: IT staff

#### Wednesday October 30

09:00 - 12:00: Research coordination 13:00 - 17:00: Scientists

**Thursday October 31** 09:00 - 11:30: Public relations staff



## Updates

## **Experimental key file management**

- Central, separate storage for participant key files
- Identify individuals if they want to revoke consent
- $\rightarrow$  One dump folder per research group / department
- $\rightarrow$  Protocol (how to store, when, what)

## → Lab Managers and Research Coordinators should have received information in July – let us know if not!



## Reminder: Software

Overview https://maxintra.mpi.nl/TG/software

New Software? http://lux102.mpi.nl/forms/software-request-form

- → We need agreements with software providers, whenever they process personal or sensitive data on our behalf
- → Companies / software providers located outside the EU: NEVER input personal or sensitive data → data breach!





## Reminders

**Data breach?** 

Contact: <u>data-breach@mpg.de</u> & <u>privacy@mpi.nl</u>

## **Data Protection training**

Mandatory for all employees, **also for interns, lab rotation students, guests** Haven't received training yet? Contact us!



# TG

## STAFF MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2024



## Short report:

## New general Storage:

- Migration of last storage part (workspaces, archive): Friday, 11-Oct-2024, 16:00.
- Downtime necessary for workspaces and archive but user homes (K: U: drive) are NOT affected!
- Duration: ~2 days, functionally no later than the following Monday at 8 a.m.
- Access to data may be slowed down in the first few days.
- This requires a real logoff (not lock workstation, not a disconnect of a remote session).

#### New HPC-cluster Storage (clusterfs):

- Two old metadata servers replaced with newer ones containing fast NVMe disks.
- Busy replacing six old storage servers (11 TB each) with one new one (132 TB).
- Net increase of 66 TB (total now: ~500 TB).
- To-Do: Upgrade BeeGFS version (from 7.2.4 to 7.4.4): advantage: new features as BeeHive indexed search and better stability (hopefully...)

## Short report:

- Others:
  - 80 new PC ordered for Windows 10 to Windows 11 migration (70 already installed, 45 are distributed)
  - DeepL: new license model: per user license! Write an email to <a href="mailto:support@mpi.nl">support@mpi.nl</a> if you need to use DeepL
  - Gesture-Lab: ready for use for first experiments



- Presentation workshop: 24. – 26. Sep 2024 at DCCN, Trigon building, Kapittelweg 29, room 01.160



## Communications

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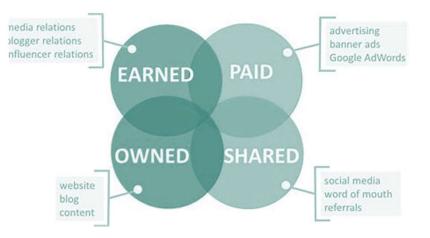
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## What we do

Team Communications is here to establish and secure the authority of Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in the scientific world, and aims at increasing our <u>visibility</u> and <u>findability</u> as research partner and employer on a global scale.

To achieve this, we share publications and stories through internal and external media, utilising channels that reach our target audiences.

We have the ambition to work more data driven.



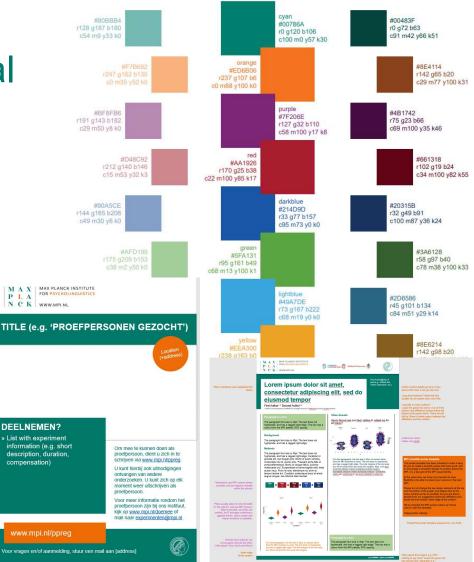
# Building a strong brand: Corporate Identity is fundamental

We want to make sure that everyone works under the banner of our overarching goal.

Recognizability, consistency, relevance, inclusivity and accessibility are key.

Please follow our guidelines: Corporate Identity — Max Planck Institute (mpi.nl)

Also, keep in mind the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) for (web) content that is accessible for everyone - including individuals with visual, auditory, motor, or cognitive impairments.



## Information to do your day-to-day work stored

In a world where teams are hybrid and sometimes in several time zones, it's important to have a tool keeping our Institute connected.



# Weekly on Tuesdays: Inside our Institute

#### Share your contributions via communications@mpi.nl



27 Augustus 2024 Internal newsletter #149

#### Communicating Linguistics Workshop and Consultations with Gretchen McCulloch

On 28 August at 10:15 hrs. Greichen McCulloch, internet's favourite linguist, will give a two-part hybrid workshop about Communicating Linguistics in the scope of the MEDAL consortium. This hybrid event will occur online on Zoom and at the University of Tartu After Tartu, Gretchen will visit Nimegen, the second city of the MEDAL. consortium. Here, she will be available for consultations with early-career researchers to share her too on language communication. and to get inspired by their research. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity! Sign up thrithe warkshop here and sign up for a consultation slot with Gretchen in Nemogen of September 2nd or 3rd here.

#### LMU & MPG Open Science Summer School

The LMU Open Science Center and the Max. Planck Digital Library organises a hybrid Open Science Samerris School from 9 to 13 Beptember to allow early-cancer researchers to gain more that in the research they do, and mixe it is enrolling as it can be in the even of



**Open Science** 

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10 September 2024 Internal newsletter #161

#### MPI Colloquium Prof. Angela Morgan

Today at 16.46 hrs, Prof. Angala Morgan will give a tak in noom 163. "Unravelling the genetic bases of childhood communication disorder." Rease tallow the link below for more into on this tak and her research.



More Info >

#### Talk Prof. Natalle Boll-Avetisyan

On Wednesday 11 September, Prof. Natalia Boll-Wednyan from the University of Potsdam will give an invited tabk at our institute. The tabk Behavioral and physiological synchrony and the initia with search processing in inflancy'







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#### Mandatory MPG Data Protection workshops

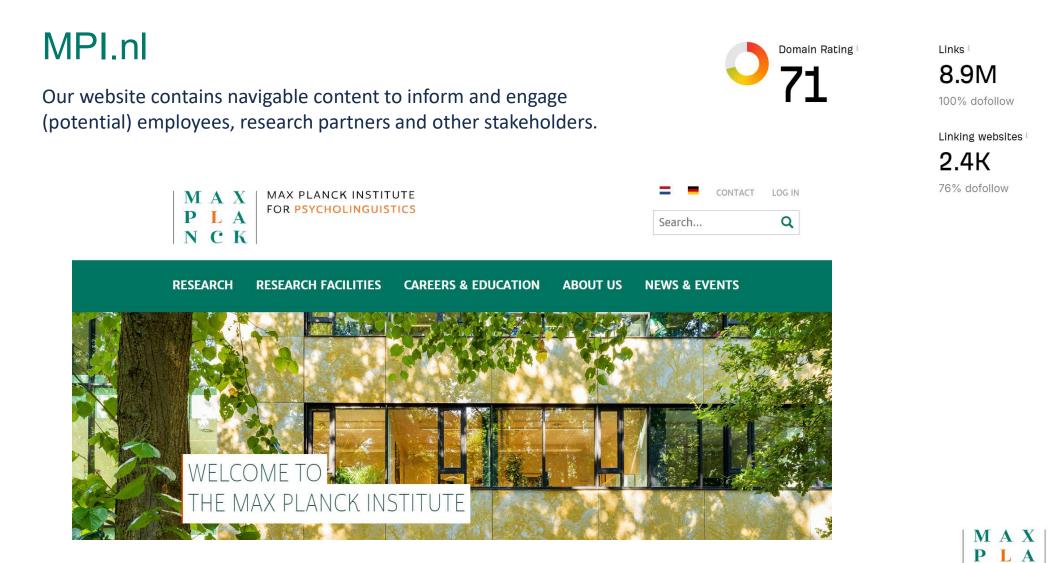
On 29, 30 and 31 October, the Data Protection Team from our headquarters in Munich will visit us. At our Institute they will host several **mandatory** workshops on data protection for all employees. Please check the schedule below which training applies to you.

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Hot stuff: Talking about temperature

#### Creating androids that dream of electric sheep



# MPI TolkLing

Language and power in the Dutch

'I am Groot': Ambiguity is a

superpower

empire

From sounds to meaning: Interview

with dr. Greta Kaufeld

#### Aphasia - what now?

#### social antibodies keeping our brain busy.

Screens and kids: is screen time bad

Into blogging?

New COVID-19-related words as

#### Reviving long-forgotten knowledge

#### Learning to Communicate in the Virtual World

#### Communicative intent improves memory of conversations - an interview with Dr. Eirini Zormpa

MPI Talkling teaches about relevant topics in our field. It connects with relevant audiences and sends quality leads to our points of contact.

#### Music or language? El Silbo Gomero ('the Gomeran whistle')



#### The journey of scientific discovery: Thinking and theorizing your way to gold



#### Listening our my a conversation. more difficult than you think: an interview with Dr. Svetlana Gerakaki



#### what i learned about language development during the COVID-19 lockdown: Labels can help make

sense of the world



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#### Dimguansin uves not change now much you gesture: an interview with Dr. Zeynep Azar

Dr. Zeynep Azar was a PhD student at the Radboud University. She di Inquals' on Sept

#### what heathed about language development during the COVID-19 lockdown: Sounds are hard to get right



#### The journey of scientific discovery: How scientists find new gold

ther than useful practical ones. In this article series, I would like to explain wh



#### Group size affects language change: an interview with Dr. Limor Raviv









The infinite space inside your head:

The birth of conceptual spaces

with Dr. Sara lacozza

Social group identity influence

language processing: an interv



sounds

## Book language improves your



Studying meaning: wrapping our heads around our 'arms'













A handful of vowels for a world of





To put a (fake) smile on one's face The power of recursion

# Do you think I believe you hope ...?

### Context and language processing: a balanced story: an interview with Dr. **René Terporten**







# ngly so. Athough, learning a new language is r



## External newsletter

- Quarterly corporate newsletter for external audiences
- Recipients: 650
- Feel free to sign up: <u>www.mpi.nl/newsletter</u>

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November 2022

#### NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOLINGUISTICS

This quarterly newsletter informs you about news and events concerning the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen, The Netherlands. Our institute is entirely devoted to psycholinguistics – the study of how we produce and understand language, and how we acquire these skills as first or second language learners. We hope you enjoy reading about our work.

Please visit our website for a full list of our most recent publications or take a look at our trilingual science blog MPI TalkLing!

#### 26 October 2022 Seals have a sense of rhythm

Rhythm is important for human music and speech. But are we the only mammal with a



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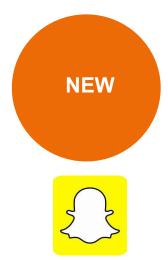


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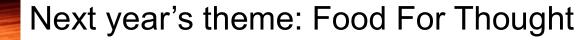




pilot phase (for paid)

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## **InScience Film Festival 2025**



Help us make the biggest impact

Please share your suggestions for MPI contributions





INSCIENCE FILM FESTIVAL



## Media outreach

Bantu language shows that processing of focused information may be universal

Peter Hagoort





EEG cap drying in the Mozambican sun.

Languages have different ways of highlighting relevant information. Recent research shows that despite these

# Bantu language shows that processing of focused information may be universal

Languages have different ways of highlighting relevant information. Recent research shows that despite these differences, the consequences are the same: to trigger a brain response to process information more deeply. In an EEG study published in PNAS, led by the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics (MPI) in <u>Nijmegen</u>, researchers investigated Makhuwa, a Bantu language that highlights relevant information in a different way than many Indo-Eu...

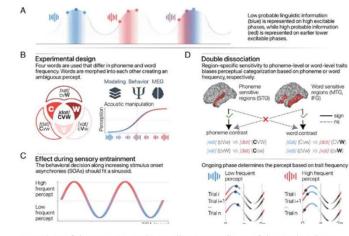
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## Media outreach

- Andrea Martin •
- Noémie te • Rietmolen

### Study finds timing of brain waves shapes the words we hear

by Max Planck Society



ons MTG

Overview of the current study. Credit: Proceedings of the National Aca...

The timing of our brain waves shapes how we perceive our environment. We are more likely to perceive events when their timing coincides with the timing of relevant brain waves. Lead scientist Sanne ten Oever and her co-authors set out to determine whether neural timing also shapes speech perception. Is the probability of speech sounds or words encoded in our brain waves and is this information used to recognize words?





## Media outreach

• Paula Rubio-Fernández

### The power of 'this' and 'that'

New research suggests that 'demonstrative' words act as attention tools across languages

#### AUGUST 01, 2024

#### Language

Words like 'this' and 'that' or 'here' and 'there' occur in all languages. In a study published in PNAS, researchers from Yale University and the Max Planck Institute of Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen have shown that such 'demonstrative' words are used to direct listeners' focus of attention and to establish joint attention. Results from experiments with speakers of ten different languages and computational modelling reveal that demonstratives are universal tools that link language and social cognition.



Participants completed 18 trials where they saw a picture of a "speaker" and a "listener" standing on opposite sides of a table with four objects placed along it. The task was to choose the best word (a demonstrative like "this" or "that") to request an object, depending on where both people were looking. © Paula Rubio-Fernández

# Words like 'this' and 'that' direct attention across languages



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#### Media outreach

**Limor Raviv** •

#### SMART NEWS

#### Why Do Humans Sing? Traditional Music in 55 Languages Reveals Patterns and Telling Similarities

In a global study, scientists recorded themselves singing and playing music from their own cultures to examine the evolution of song





Latyr Sy, a Senegalese percussionist and singer, was one of 75 researchers who played music for the study. Patrick Savage, University of Auckland

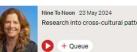


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#### **Research into cross**cultural patterns in music & language

From Nine To Noon, 9:35 am on 24 May 2024











Study coauthors Latyr Sy (Senegal), Gakuto Chiba (Japan), Neddiel Elcie Muñoz Millalonco (Chile), and Aleksandar Arabadjiev (Macedonia) Photo: Supplied\_Auckland University

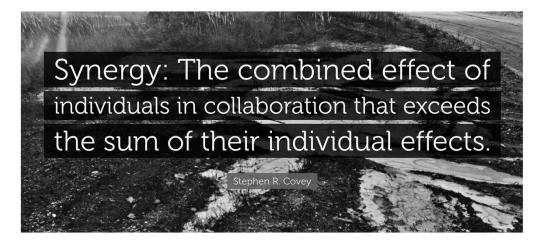


#### **Communications Team extended**

If your work involves communications in any way please let us know. We are here for advice and support.

We are also planning a quarterly meeting for communications professionals, which might be relevant for you too!

Get in touch with us via communications@mpi.nl





### **Colloquium committee**

Staff meeting September 17, 2024

Sergio Miguel Perreira-Soares



#### Next MPI Colloquium in 2024

PROF. DR. CLAUDIA MÄNNEL 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024 15:45 - 17:00

Electrophysiology of infant phonological processing: Individual variability and learning environment





If you would like to meet with PROF. DR. CLAUDIA MÄNNEL please contact <u>sergio-miguel.pereira-soares@mpi.nl</u>

Hosting Department: LaDD

#### Upcoming colloquia 2024



- October 15<sup>th</sup> : Claudia Maennel (Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin)
   LaDD
- November 19<sup>th</sup>: Kathy Rastle (Royal Holloway, University of London)
   PoL

Contact Colloquium committee members for **2025** speakers!

#### **Currently planning the 2025 MPI colloquium speakers...**

Please send us any suggestions!!



Sergio Soares (LaDD)

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Giacomo Bignardi (L&G) <u>Giacomo.Bignardi@mpi.nl</u>



Candice Frances (PoL)
<a>Candice.Frances@.mpi.nl</a>



Ezgi Mamus (MLD)
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## Library Committee Report & Open Science Ambassadors

Staff meeting September 17, 2024



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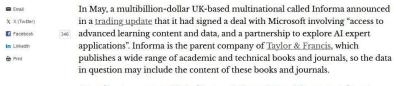
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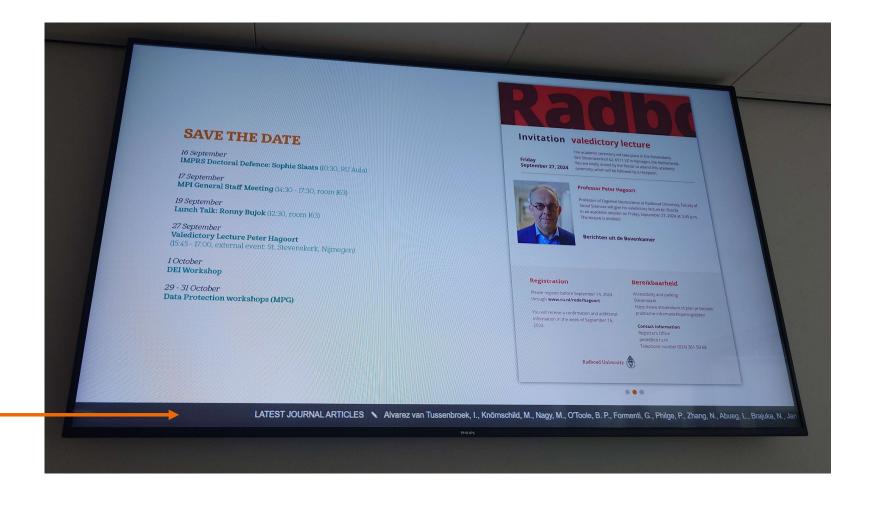
According to <u>reports published last week</u>, the authors of the content do not appear to have been asked or even informed about the deal. What's more, they say they had no opportunity to opt out of the deal, and will not see any money from it. NC=non commercial

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#### Latest journal publications on info screen



#### **Library Committee Members**

#### http://maxintra.mpi.nl/representation/Library%20committee



Andrea Martin (chair) Language and Computation in Neural Systems



Sanjeevan Jahagirdar Language and Genetics Department



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Multimodal

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Department

Chih Yeh Language Development Department



Library staff Karin Kastens; head of library Meggie Uijen; assistant librarian

email: library@mpi.nl



### **Open Science Ambassadors**

Ingrid Szilagyi and Julia Chauvet



#### **Open Science Ambassadors**



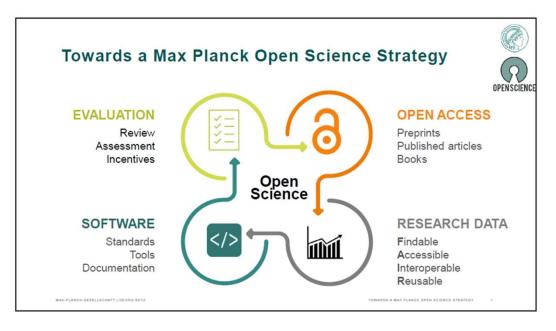
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Language and Genetics Department



Julia Chauvet

Psychology of Language Department

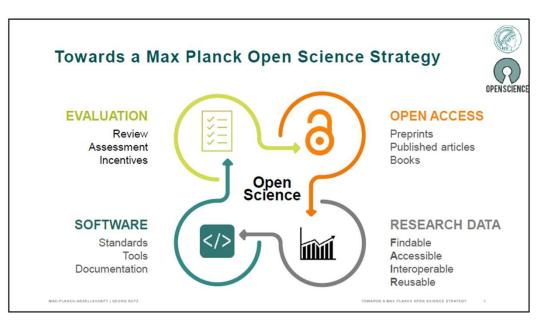


#### **Open Science Ambassadors**

Save the Date Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, January at 09:00 – 12:00

Hands-on workshop to upload data to the MPI Archive

- Recently completed projects
- Receive preparation guidelines ahead of the workshop
- Receive technical help during the workshop





## **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

Candice Frances dei@mpi.nl





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#### Who we are



• Committee Chair (Candice Frances)



- Chair for Attracting Diversity (Izabela Jordanoska)
- Chair for Diversity and Inclusion (Sandra Bethke)
- Chair for Diversity in our Science (Barbara Molz)





Members from all levels, departments, and groups at the MPI

Committee training

- 3-Day training by Osiris Hoepel
  - Finished the training in June
  - Created a 3 year plan



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#### Talent+ Program









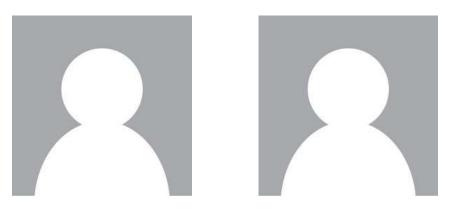
Anjoom Thahir Alikkam Veetil ImaGe Meng-Yun Wang and Jitse Amelink

Carolina Rodríguez Chavarría LaDD Yayun Zhang

Deema Takaleh L&G Else Eising and Barbara Molz Kaan Bayar LaCNS Anna Mai and Filiz Tezcan



#### Talent+ Program: November



Monserrat Soberanes CoBra Linda Drijvers

Divyanshu Pathak LEADS Limor Raviv



#### Talent+ Program: Where are we from?



### **Training for Talent+ Supervisors**

by Dr. Noemi Mena Montes



- Effective Supervision and Collaboration in Culturally Diverse
   Research and Academic Environments
- Expectations and supervision in a multicultural research context
- Communication Styles, case studies, program expectations, etc.



#### MPI-Wide Workshop: Unconscious bias training

## October 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 am to 12 pm.

- Examine the unconscious biases you have and experience, and learn from two experts of <u>Radboud's In'to Languages team</u> how to become aware of your own biases and gain strategies to help you tackle them.
- Check the MPI Newsletter for the SignUp link



#### Social activities

#### - VrijMPIbo:

- aka Friday PubNight aka Friday Drinks aka Friday Snacks
- Date: Friday Sept. 27th Time: leave from MPI at 4:30pm. Meet there at 5pm
- Location Wunderkammer
- Gamenight
  - Date: Wednesday in October
  - Location: MPI common area next to the library
  - $\rightarrow$  stay tuned to the Newsletter



## Buddy system

- Restarted the pilot program
  - > Now in theory open for every new member
- Procedure integrated to the 'essential starting guide'
  - > Info sheet and newcomer form will be shared latest on the
    - first day at the MPI
  - ➢ Pairing done by the buddy TEAM



If interested / would like more info



buddy@mpi.nl



Call for new buddies in newsletter! For the buddy system to be sustainable, we need more volunteers (all MPI staff, min 1 year) Time commitment

available for questions via email

2-3 in person meetings,

### How to get involved in the DEI movement

- Join the Committee (meetings once per month)
  - Email <u>dei@mpi.nl</u>
    - (note these emails are received by all committee members)
  - Email <a href="mailto:candice.frances@mpi.nl">candice.frances@mpi.nl</a> (chair)
- Email ideas and suggestions to the committee
- Do/support diverse and inclusive science!
  - Collection of articles from Nature Human Behavior: <u>https://www.nature.com/collections/daficfhiff</u>





#### **Research Staff Committee**

YAYUN ZHANG



#### **Research Staff Committee Representatives**



Yayun Zhang (Chair) Research Staff Rep. LaDD



Danielle Houwing Research Staff Rep. L&G



Nienke Rulkens-Dijkstra Research Support Staff Rep. LaDD



Sharice Clough Research Staff Rep. MLD



Kyla McConnell Research Staff Rep. PoL

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### **PhD Representatives**

Orhun Uluşahin, Clara Kunst, Daniëlle Admiraal, Tianai Dong, Jennifer Sander

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## Who are we?



Orhun Uluşahin PoL



Clara Kunst LaDD



Danielle Admiraal L&G



Tianai Dong MLD



Jennifer Sander LaDD External PhD Rep

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#### What do we do?

- Official support channel for PhDs
- Need help or support? Don't know where to go? →We can link you to the right person!
- Anonymous complaints or suggestions?
   → We can help!
- Surveys and social activities

## PhDnet

- Connection with the other MPI institutes
- Working groups:
  - Survey working group
  - Equal Opportunity Group
  - Events for Career Development
  - Podcasts, Social media & Website
- Steering group
- You can get involved! Contact us for more info phd-reps@mpi.nl



https://www.phdnet.mpg.de/home

#### Thank you Dota and Jennifer!



Tianai Dong MLD

### Welcome Loïs!



Jennifer Sander LaDD External PhD Rep



Loïs Dona MLD

### Looking for a new external PhD representative!

As external PhD representative you represent our institute within the MPG PhD Net. You voice important PhD issues and become a communication point within the Max Planck Society.

- Attending PhDnet meetings with all other external PhD representatives
- Contribute to the future of PhDnet
- Stay informed
- Get to know other PhD students within the Max Planck Society

**Interested**? → email tianai.dong@mpi.nl



### **Gender Equality Officer**

Staff meeting 17 September 2024

KARIN KASTENS & BARBARA MOLZ



#### **Gender Equality Officer (GEO's)**

#### What do we do?

- Point of contact for employees for concerns/issues about inequality, discrimination, harassment
- Structural involvement
  - Increase visibility of Gender Equality Work and Support channels. We closely work together with the Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee, regular meetings with MD, HR, COO, & the other support channels
- Formulate Gender Equality Plan

#### **Election of the Gender Equality Officers**

Every 4 years GEO's are (re-)elected and this November the current term comes to end.

Timeline

- Information will be sent to female employees after the staff meeting
- Nominations will be accepted until October 8th
- Voting will take place electronically via Limesurvey, November 4th November 7th

#### **Election committee**

Michaela Regeer, Jeanette Peters & Ilse van den Dobbelsteen

## A new initiative of the MPG – GEO's **Free period products**



Available at

- Ground floor: two gender neutral toilets
   next to reception
- First floor
- Second floor

Empty? Tell us (Barbara or Karin) equality@mpi.nl

Email: equality@mpi.nl

#### **Contact Information**



Karin Kastens Gender Equality Officer



Barbara Molz Deputy Gender Equality Officer

Equal Opportunities on MaxIntra http://maxintra.mpi.nl/representation/EqualOpportunitiesOfficer

Equal Opportunities on www.mpi.nl https://www.mpi.nl/page/equal-opportunities

Max Planck Society on Equal Opportunities <a href="https://www.mpg.de/equal\_opportunities">https://www.mpg.de/equal\_opportunities</a>

#### Short break



Followed by:

### Stan van der Burght and Antje Meyer "Syntactic traffic control in English and Dutch"

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