

*A Language Learning Roundtable*

# What's special about multilingualism?

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# Programme

## Monday, 11 February 2019

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- 09:00–09:15** **Raphael Berthele & Jan Vanhove** (University of Fribourg)  
Welcome & Introduction
- 09:15–10:00** **Susanne Reiterer** (University of Vienna)  
The cognitive neuroscience of individual differences in language learning abilities
- 10:00–10:45** **Sol Lago, Anna Stutter Garcia & Michela Mosca** (University of Potsdam)  
Relating acquisition and processing in multilingual research
- 10:45–11:15** Coffee break
- 11:15–12:00** **Stefan Frank** (RadboudUniversity Nijmegen)  
Investigating bilingual sentence reading using statistical language models
- 12:00–13:15** Lunch break
- 13:15–14:00** **Alex Mullen** (University of Nottingham)  
What's special about modern multilingualism?
- 14:00–14:45** **Harald Baayen** (University of Tübingen)  
Linear discriminative learning and the bilingual lexicon
- 14:45–15:15** Coffee break
- 15:15–16:00** **Alexandre Duchêne** (University of Fribourg)  
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## Tuesday, 12 February 2019

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- 09:00–09:45**    **Michael Dunn** (University of Uppsala)  
The evolution of the lexicon under pervasive multilingualism
- 09:45–10:30**    **Claus Beisbart** (University of Bern)  
Complexity in multilingualism research
- 10:30–10:45**    Coffee

## What's special about multilingualism?

This roundtable, sponsored by *Language Learning*, brings together researchers to weigh in on the question whether there is anything fundamentally special about being or becoming multilingual (i.e., knowing three or more languages) as compared to being or becoming bilingual (i.e. knowing two languages). Bringing to the table expertise in fields as varied as evolutionary linguistics, psycholinguistics, classical studies, sociology of language, computational linguistics, neuroscience, and philosophy of science, the speakers will present their own research and discuss its pertinence to the roundtable's overarching question.

## Registration

registration deadline: 1 February 2019

please register indicating the (half) days you will attend at:

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