

Symposium on Empirical Approaches to Meaning and Structure (SEAMS)
University of Cyprus, Stelios Ioannou Library, Amphitheatre LRC 014
21–23 November 2025 — hybrid (Zoom)

FRIDAY

from 15.00	REGISTRATION (HANG OUT)	
15.45–16.00	OPENING & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS: Kleanthes K. Grohmann & Michalis Michaelides (GraPMoD), Marios Demetriades (Head, Research Support Service), Phoevos Panagiotidis (Chair, Department of English Studies), and Michalis Michael (Dean, School of Humanities)	
16.00–16.45	T.B.A.	Mina Giannoula , Michalis Michaelides & Kleanthes K. Grohmann (all University of Cyprus)
16.45–17.45	Form–Meaning Mismatches in the Expression of (In)definiteness in Italian	INVITED EARLY CAREER SPEAKER: Paolo Morosi (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
17.45–18.00	SHORT BREAK	
18.00–18.30	Mandarin Container Classifier Phrases Revisited: Structure(s) and Reading(s)	Jiajia Wang (University College London) [ONLINE STREAM]
18.30–19.00	Wh-Operators in yes–no Questions: Cross-Linguistic Evidence from English <i>whether</i> and Latvian Polar Question Particle <i>vai</i>	Kaiva Hinkle (National Taiwan Normal University) [ONLINE STREAM]
19.00–	WELCOME RECEPTION (FREE TIME)	

SATURDAY

9.30–10.30	T.B.A.	KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Ora Matushansky (CNRS / Université Paris VIII)
10.30–11.15	Analogical Change and the Creation of Syncretism and Homonymy	Marc-Olivier Hinzelin (University of Hamburg)
11.15–11.45	COFFEE BREAK	
11.45–12.15	A Fresh Look at an Old Language: Empirical Evidence for Word Order Change in Earlier Stages of French	Lisa Figura (University of Hamburg)
12.15–12.45	Empirical Evidence and Theoretical Virtue in Linguistic (Meta)theory: A Case Study of Merge and Subjoin	Vasilia Christofides (University of Cyprus)
12.45–13.30	Evaluating Large Language Models’ Sensitivity to Illicit Meaning and Structure through Probabilities	Evelina Leivada (ICREA / Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona), Raquel Montero , Paolo Morosi , Natalia Moskvina , Tamara Serrano (all Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona), Marcel Aguilar (EcoVadis) & Fritz Günther (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

13.30–14.30	LUNCH BREAK	
14.30–15.15	Explainable Artificial Intelligence and Synthetic Data for Early Screening of Developmental Language Disorder	Georgios P. Georgiou (University of Nicosia)
15.15–16.00	Theory of Mind, Evidentiality and Complementation: Exploring Links between Structure and Cognition	Dafni Vaia Bagioka & Arhonto Terzi (both University of Patras)
16.00–16.30	Types of Semantic Aphasia Following Brain Injury	Yarden Ashkenazi & Naama Friedmann (both Tel Aviv University) [ONLINE STREAM]
16.30–17.00	COFFEE BREAK	
17.00–17.30	Methodological Challenges in Collecting Data (Core Grammar vs. Interface Grammar)	Susann Fischer (University of Hamburg) & Jorge Vega Vilanova (University of Hamburg / Goethe-University Frankfurt)
17.30–18.30	In Search of Hidden Structures	<u>KEYNOTE SPEAKER:</u> Masaya Yoshida (ICREA / Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
18.30–20.00	PRE-DINNER DRINKS (FREE TIME)	
20.00–	CONFERENCE DINNER (PRE-REGISTRATION)	

SUNDAY

10.00–11.00	L2 Perception and Production of English Phonemic Contrasts by Speakers of Cypriot Greek	<u>INVITED LOCAL SPEAKER:</u> Spyros Armostis (University of Cyprus)
11.00–11.45	Evidentiality in a Diglossic Context: Mapping Turkish –<i>mİş</i> and –<i>DI</i> among Greek-Speaking Adult Learners in Cyprus	Spyroula Mavrommati (University of the Aegean)
11.45–12.15	Part-of-Speech Context Vectors: Distributional Meaning of Syntactic Categories	Xiaona Ma & Carl Vogel (both Trinity College Dublin) [ONLINE STREAM]
12.15–12.45	COFFEE BREAK	
12.45–13.30	The Acquisition Path of Expressing Social Meaning in the Grammar of Requests	Laura Reimer & Andreas Trotzke (both University of Zurich)
13.30–14.15	Interfaces and Parameters in Language Design: A Non-Deterministic Turn	Mario Navarro (University of Hamburg)
14.15–15.15	T.B.A.	<u>KEYNOTE SPEAKER:</u> [ONLINE STREAM] Benjamin Spector (CNRS / École Normale Supérieure)
15.15–16.00	CLOSING (WITH COFFEE/DRINKS)	
substitute	Processing Uninformativeness: Evidence for a Modalized Veridicality Requirement	Davide Spinelli (University of Milano-Bicocca), Vincenzo Moscatti & Salvatore Pistoia-Reda (both University of Siena) [ONLINE STREAM]