We aim to explore the concept of language in its full complexity by considering the interaction of vocal, manual and non-manual features in spoken languages as well as in signed languages.

Keynote Speakers:

Adam Kendon
(Cambridge University and University College London, UK)
“Semiotic and modality diversity in the utterance: a languaging perspective”

Sotaro Kita
(University of Warwick, Coventry, UK)
“Deictic gestures for discourse cohesion: Mechanisms for production and comprehension”

Marie-Anne Sallandre & Marie-Thérèse L’Huillier
(Universite Paris-8, France)
“The Semiological Model for Sign Language: focus on deixis, eye gaze and acquisition”

Virginia Volterra
(Institute of Cognitive Sciences and Technologies, CNR Rome, Italy)
“Searching for the roots of words and signs in children’s early action and gestures”

Local Committee
• Olga Capirci
• Alessio Di Renzo
• Francesca Lasorsa
• Barbara Pennacchi
• Morgana Proietti
• Anita Slonimska

Conference Language:
The conference languages will be English, International Signs and Italian Sign Language. Sign language interpreters (International Signs and Italian Sign Language) will be available.
June 21st
- 12 pm - 1 pm
Registration
- 1 pm - 1:30 pm
Opening statements by:
- Rosario Falcone (Director ISTC - CNR)
- Kenny Coventry (PI DComm Project)
- Jean-Marc Colletta (PI GEST_LAN_D Project)
- Session Chair: Olga Capirci

Adam Kendon
“Sociolinguistic and modality diversity in the utterance: a language perspective”
- 2:30 pm - 3 pm
Beyza Sümer, Clara Grabitz, & Aylin Küntay
“Early produced signs are iconic: Evidence from Turkish Sign Language”
- 3 pm - 3:30 pm
Rose Stamp, Wendy Sandler
“The Emergence of Reference Shift Devices in Three Young Sign Languages”
- 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm Coffee break + First Poster Session (DComm)
- 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm
Cornelia Müller
“Gestures as-if actions”
- 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm
Samira Bakeer
“On the multimodality of Discourse markers in learner language”
- 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm
Karín van Nispen, Mieke W Me van de Sandt-Koenderman, Emiel Krahmer
“Silent gestures speak”

June 22nd
- 9 am - 10 am
- Session Chair: Jean-Marc Colletta
Marie Anne Sallandre & Marie-Thérèse L’Huillier
“The Semiological Model for Sign Language: Focus on deixis eye gaze and acquisition”
- 10 am - 10:30 am
Satu Siltaloppi
“Buoy as coherence markers in Finland-Swedish Sign Language”
- 10:30 am - 11 am Coffee Break
- 11 am - 11:30 am
Alessio Di Renzo, Morgana Proietti, Anita Slonimska, Olga Capirci
“The role of Highly Iconic Structures for deictic-anaphoric operations in Italian Sign Language (LIS)”
- 11:30 am - 12 pm
Elena Nicoladis
“Children convey as much information in gestures as they do in pantomimes”
- 12 pm - 12:30 pm
Stanca Somesfalean
“What’s in a pronoun? Perspectives from oral and sign languages”
- 12:30 pm - 2 pm Lunch + Second Poster Session (DComm)
- 2 pm - 3 pm
- Session Chair: Kenny Coventry
Sotaro Kita
“Deictic gestures for discourse cohesion: Mechanisms for production and comprehension”
- 3 pm - 3:30 pm
Fey Parrill, Kahmiri Stec
“Gestures of the Abstract: Do speakers use space consistently and contrastively when gesturing”
- 3:30 pm - 4 pm
Emanuela Campisi, Marianne Gulberg
“Bimodal cohesion and catchments: cross-linguistic differences in gestures referring to the same entities in sustained discourse”
- 4 pm - 4:30 pm Coffee Break
- 4:30 pm - 5 pm
Caitlin Hilverman, Melissa Duss, Susan Wagner Cook
“Self-production of hand gesture facilitates word learning in patients with amnesia”
- 5 pm - 5:30 pm
Kensy Cooperrider, Jordan Fenlon, Jon Keane, Diane Brentari, Susan Goldin-Meadow
“Pointing in gesture and sign: Sources of commonality and difference”

June 23rd
- 9 am - 10 am
- Session Chair: M. Cristina Caselli
Virginia Volterra
“Searching the roots of words and signs in children early action and gestures”
- 10 am - 10:30 am
James P. Trujillo, Irina Simanova, Harold Bekkering, Asli Özyürek
“Space, time, and gaze: how kinematic modulation and eye-gaze optimize communicative interactions”
- 10:30 am - 11 am
Claudia Becker, Patricia Barbeito, Rey-Geißler, Martje Hansen
“The impact of Language Input and Theory of Mind Abilities on Deaf Children’s Narratives in German Sign Language”
- 11 am - 11:30 am
Laura Sparaci, Jessie B. Northrup, Jana M. Iverson
“Multimodality in action: how functional actions influence language acquisition in infant siblings of children with autism”
- 11:30 am - 1 pm Light Lunch + Third Poster Session (DComm)
- 1 pm - 1:30 pm
Aldo Gangemi, Mehwifh Alam, Luigi Asprino, Valentina Presutti, Diego Reforgiato Recupero
“The Action Knowledge Graph”
- 1:30 pm - 2 pm
Allegra Cattani, Caroline Floccia, Evan Kidd, Daniela Onofrio, Paola Pettenati, Virginia Volterra
“Italians do Better than English speaking children in early naming and gesture productions”
- 2 pm - 2:30 pm Closing of the conference: closing remarks - Asli Özyürek