Sciences of Communication

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Participation is free, but space is limited. Please register with dludwig@mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de
Keynote Lecture
05.00pm Welcome
05.30pm-07.00 pm Regina Darnell
The Theoretical Grounding of Americanist Commitments to Language Research: Franz Boas, Linguistic Particularism and Cultural Relativism
07.00pm-09.00pm Reception (Villa Harnackstr. 5)

Panel I Chair: Angela Grünberg
09.15-10.15 am Thomas Sturm
Why isn’t this Philosophy of Language? And Does it Matter? On Karl Bühler’s Theory of Language
- Coffee -
10.45-11.45 am Stephen G. Alter
William Dwight Whitney and the Foundations of Sociolinguistic Theory
11.45-12.45 pm John E. Joseph
Abstract and Concrete
- Lunch -

Panel II Chair: Josh Berson
02.30-03.30 pm Tania Munz
Dancing to the Post-War Tune: Receptions of the Honeybee Dance Language after WWII
- Coffee -
04.00-05.00 pm Veronika Lipphardt
Migration, Isolation, Evolution, Linguistic Diversity as a Short-Cut to Genetic Diversity?
05.00-06.00 pm David Ludwig
Between Holism and Localizationism: Kurt Goldstein on Language and Human Nature

Panel III Chair: Martin Thiering
09.00-10.00 am Gregory Radick
The Reactionary Origins of the Chomskyan Revolution: The Unmaking of a Modern Synthesis
- Coffee -
10.00-11.00 am Jamie Cohen-Cole
Psychology, Linguistics, and Computers: From Psycholinguistics to Google
11.30-12.30 pm Randy Harris
The Return of the Body
- Lunch -

Panel IV Chair: Julia Kursell
02.00-03.00 pm Judy Kaplan
The Long Rangers: Pre-Historical Linguistics in the Late-Twentieth Century
- Coffee -
03.00-04.00 pm Slava Gerovitch
Measuring Poetry: Andrei Kolmogorov’s Mathematical Poetics
04.30-05.30 pm Stefan Bargheer
Linguicide in the Logosphere: What killed the Idea of Linguistic Human Rights and gave Birth to the Concept of Endangered Languages?
05.40-06.30 pm Wrap Up Lorraine Daston, Robert Richards, Michael Gordin