

# NEWSLETTER

## Winter 2017

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## Conference reports



### 2018 Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development

4-6 January 2018, Budapest, Hungary

I am a behavioural biologist by training, now “converted” into a developmental psychologist for my PhD. The BCCCD18 is the first international conference specifically focused on Developmental Psychology I have ever attended. Even before arriving at the CEU I was already aware that I would be confronted with top-level research, and eventually my expectations were not betrayed. The conference programme was extremely rich, with special attention to interdisciplinarity – something I really appreciated as it is easily imaginable from my background. I was extremely pleased to notice that there is a growing number of

researchers interested in deepening the knowledge about Comparative Developmental Psychology both in a cross-cultural and cross-species perspective. Moreover, the alternation of poster, symposium and paper sessions (as well as coffee breaks and lunches!) made the conference quite dynamic.



But what surprised me the most, far exceeding all my hopes, were the many opportunities I had to discuss about my own work (I presented a poster on the first day of the conference) with more experienced researchers. The suggestions I received from them were as many as the new questions that arose. In such a nice and informal atmosphere, socialising with other PhD students came naturally too. And meeting people sharing my same passions made me feel to be part of a

broader community, which was a totally refreshing experience. I left Budapest energised and inspired, sincerely hoping the CEU will overcome this difficult period of political turmoil.

**Rhea Arini**, PhD student  
Department of Psychology  
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The people who are used to attend the BCCCD have felt that this year has been different but that it has also maintained its essence. Different because it has become a big conference, as it was reflected in the amount of people that came. The most direct consequences of it were the greater diversity of topics in the program, the largest number of people with whom we could share our scientific concerns and, of course, the use of larger spaces for all events.



Despite all of this, the essence remained the same and it has been a very well organized conference. Indeed, if something makes this conference special, it is its balance. There was an optimal equilibrium between keynote lectures, symposiums, posters sessions and social activities that allowed researchers to update their scientific knowledge as well as increase their social network easily. All of it located in a beautiful city such as Budapest in January.

For all of these reasons, and after five years attending at the BCCCD, I believe that this year it has consolidated the event as one of the mandatory conference that every researcher should schedule in their events calendar. And for all of these same reasons, I hope to come back again next year (and why not, find you there).

**Jesús Bas**, PhD Student

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Please find our keynote speakers' talks at the [Youtube Channel of the Cognitive Development Center at CEU](#)

For more photos, please visit the conference gallery at the [Facebook page of the Cognitive Development Center at CEU](#)

## Motor Perspectives on Action and Interaction

30 November – 1 December 2017, Potsdam, Germany

Motor measures have recently gained great consideration from psychologist and neuroscientists interested in investigating how executed and observed actions are processed during social interactions. To this aim, researchers employ a wide range of measures, from motion tracking to monitoring of neurophysiological measures and brain stimulation. This research is helping shedding light into basic mechanisms of social cognition, also opening the avenue to a significant methodological shift towards more ecological experiments. The workshop “Motor Perspectives on Action and Interaction” presented the most recent advancements in the field by gathering researchers from various European countries for a two-day meeting organized by Claudia Gianelli at the University of Potsdam.

On the first day of the workshop (30.11.2017), Luciano Fadiga from the University of Ferrara and Italian Institute of Technology introduced the properties of the Sensorimotor Brain. On the same day, two researchers from Dusseldorf (Marta Ghio) and Berlin (Christian Valt) presented their empirical work on EEG measures of how we process the consequences of our own vs. observed actions.

On the second day (01.12.2017), Jonna Loeffler from the German Sport University Cologne, discussed how processing of temporal and spatial concepts can be measured by means of motion tracking and with the support of virtual reality. The use of virtual reality was also part of Yann Coello’s (University of Lille/CNRS) presentation regarding the social dimensions of the peripersonal space. Finally, Janny Stapel (Radboud University Nijmegen and Uppsala University) showed how actions are processed in early developmental stages and Atesh Koul (University of Turin) presented innovative methods used to detect and model action intentions.

**Claudia Gianelli**, PhD

Potsdam Embodied Cognition Group (PECoG)  
University of Potsdam, Germany



**X. Dubrovnik Conference on Cognitive Science**

**Communication, Pragmatics, and Theory of Mind**

24-27 May, 2018, Dubrovnik, Croatia

**Submission is now open!**

We invite poster submissions from all areas of cognitive science.

Invited speakers:



**Noah Goodman**  
(Stanford University)

**Judit Holler**  
(MPI for Psycholinguistics)



**Arthur M. Jacobs**  
(Freie Universität, Berlin)

**Ira Noveck**  
(CNRS, Lyon)



**Nausicaa Pouscoulous**  
(University College London)

**Paula Rubio-Fernandez**  
(Massachusetts Institute of Technology)



**Deirdre Wilson**  
(University College London)

# Upcoming conferences and summer schools

## **Cultural Evolution: Arts, Languages, Technologies**

Tartu, Estonia (6-8 June 2018)

<https://cultevol.ut.ee/call-papers>

## **9<sup>th</sup> European Working Memory Symposium**

Pavia, Italy (29-31 August 2018)

Submission deadline: 20 February 2018

<http://ewoms9.unipv.it/submission/>

## **ASSC 22 (Association of Scientific Studies of Consciousness)**

Cracow, Poland (26-29 June 2018)

Submission deadline: 28 February 2018

<http://theassc.org/submit-abstract/>

## **Spatial Cognition 2018**

Tübingen, Germany (5-8 September 2018)

Paper submission deadline: 1 March 2018

Poster submission deadline: 25 May 2018

<http://sites.psu.edu/sc2018/>

## **Cognitive Linguistics in the year 2018 Conference of the Polish Cognitive Linguistics Association**

Poznań, Poland (24-26 September 2018)

Abstract submission deadline: 1 March 2018

<http://wa.amu.edu.pl/ptjk2018/index.html>

## **Models of the Mind**

Edinburgh, U.K. (19 April 2018)

Paper submission deadline: 1 March 2018

<https://modelsofthemind.wordpress.com/call-for-papers/>

## **10<sup>th</sup> Cracow Cognitive Science Conference**

Cracow, Poland (12-13 May 2018)

<http://ccsc.edu.pl>

## **4<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the European Society for Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience**

Leiden, Netherlands (19-22 July 2018)

Single presentations submission deadline: 21 March 2018

<https://escaneurosci.eu/p/dZ7xbq>

## **The Norwegian Summer Institute on Language and Mind**

Oslo, Norway (31 July - 10 August 2018)

Application deadline: 1 April 2018

<http://folk.uio.no/nicholea/summerinstitute/>

## **AIC 2018 – International Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Cognition, 6th Edition**

Palermo, Italy (2-4 July 2018)

Papers submission deadline: 6 April 2018

<http://aic2018.pa.icar.cnr.it>

## **Workshop on Predictive Processing (WoPP)**

San Sebastian, Spain (20-22 June 2018)

Abstract submission deadline: 6 April 2018

<http://www.bcbl.eu/events/prediction-2018/en/>

## **26<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (ESPP)**

Rijeka, Croatia (10-13 September 2018)

Submission deadline: 8 April 2018

<http://espp18.ffri.hr>

## **Evolution and Moral Epistemology**

Utrecht, Netherlands (18-20 April 2018)

Registration deadline: 11 April 2018

<http://www.evoethics.com/registration.html>

**13<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Natural Language Processing and Cognitive Science**

Krakow, Poland (11-12 September 2018)

Submission deadline: 15 April 2018

<http://nlpcs2018.epi.uj.edu.pl>

**Workshop “Scalar Implicatures: Formal and Experimental Exploration”**

Siena, Italy (11-13 July 2018)

Submission deadline: 1 May 2018

[http://www.xprag.de/?page\\_id=5455](http://www.xprag.de/?page_id=5455)

**Eleventh Embodied & Situated Language Processing Conference**

Lancaster, U.K. (10-12 August 2018)

Abstract submission deadline: 16 April 2018

<http://wp.lancs.ac.uk/eslp2018/submissions/>

**14<sup>th</sup> Biannual Conference of the German Cognitive Science Society**

Darmstadt, Germany (3-6 September 2018)

Abstract submission deadline: May 2018

<http://www.cogsci.tu-darmstadt.de/KogWis2018>

**8<sup>th</sup> IMPRS NeuroCom Summer School in Cognitive Neuroscience**

Leipzig, Germany (26-28 June 2018)

Registration deadline: 30 April 2018

<http://imprs-neurocom.mpg.de/summerschool2018>

**CuttingEEG: 4<sup>th</sup> Symposium on cutting-edge methods for EEG research**

Paris, France (2-5 July 2018)

<http://cuttingeeg.org>

**9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Cognitive InfoCommunications**

Budapest, Hungary (22-24 August 2018)

First submission deadline: 1 May 2018

Final submission deadline: 15 July 2018

<http://www.coginfocom.hu/conference/CogInfoCom18/>

**About CECOG:** The Central European Cognitive Science Association (CECOG) is a civil association promoting cooperation in the field of cognitive science in Central Europe. The association was initiated at a meeting in August 2008 by the Budapest University of Technology and Economics and the University of Zagreb by Melita Kovacevic, Ilona Kovács, and Csaba Pléh. President: Gergely Csibra; managing organizers and local hosts of the DuCog series: Nevena Padovan and Paula Fischer; managing secretary of the association: Paula Fischer and Georgina Török.

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