

CONFERENCE ON THE SEGMENT IN PHONOLOGY

Sponsored by the MA/PhD Program in Linguistics at the City University of New York
and the CUNY Phonology Forum

January 11th-13th, 2012, at the CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Ave., New York City

CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite papers from any subdivision of cognitive science such as formal linguistics, language acquisition, neurolinguistics, phonetics, philosophy, psychology, etc. We also encourage diversity in methods so we welcome both formal and experimental approaches to the topic of segments.

The following list of questions is meant to be suggestive and provocative. The organizers wish to emphasize that the field of discussion for the conference is open to all matters related to the segment in phonology, phonetics, psycholinguistics, poetics, etc. In short, submissions are invited from within a broad penumbra of the study of the segment.

Do segments exist?

Are segments derived or are they underlying?

Is the principle of segmentation in phonology an instance of a broader phenomenon?

What is the internal structure of the segment?

Are segments hierarchically dominated by prosodic categories in lexical representation?
Or at any other level of phonetics or phonology?

What principles guide the sequencing of segments?

What aspects of segments or their sequencing are referred to by morphological and phonological rules/constraints?

How do phonetic segments relate to phonological segments (and vice versa)?

What role is played by segments in human cognition?

Are phonological segments uniquely human?

What is the neural representation of segments?

INVITED SPEAKERS:

Carol Fowler, University of Connecticut and Haskins Laboratories

Title: Segments in Articulatory Phonology

William Idsardi, University of Maryland

Title: The neural representation of segments and features

William Marslen-Wilson, University of Cambridge

Title: Phonological processing and representation in a neurocognitive context

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

We invite both oral presentations and posters. Abstracts should consist of a one page description of the paper (12pt font) with a second page for references, data and/or illustrations; please specify if you wish a poster, an oral presentation, or don't care which. Talks will be 20 minutes with 10 minutes for discussion. Abstracts should be emailed as an attachment (PDF format) to segment@cunyphonologyforum.net no later than midnight, September 16, 2011. Authors should include title of the paper, name of the author(s) and affiliation in the body of the email.

IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION:

September 16, 2011 deadline for abstracts submission

October 14, 2011 notification of acceptance

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