

Integrationism and Philosophies of Language: Emerging Alternative Epistemologies in the Global North and the Global South

The Annual Conference of the *International Association for the Integrational Study of Language and Communication*

August 30-September 2, 2019
The Pennsylvania State University

GRADUATE STUDENTS FROM **ALL DISCIPLINES** ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A SPECIAL ***PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP SERIES***
August 30-31, 2019 - Friday & Saturday

Interested in learning more about Integrationist Linguistics?
Attend this series of special workshops led by renowned global scholars:

Workshop 1: ***Applying Integrational Linguistics*** Fri 10am-1pm
Leader: Dorthe Duncker University of Copenhagen
Abstract: [DUNCKER](#)

Workshop 2: ***Integrational Linguistics and the Myth of Reference*** Fri 2-5pm
Leader: Adrian Pablé University of Hong Kong
Abstract: [PABLÉ](#)

Workshop 3: ***Communication in Cooperation*** Sat 9:30am-12pm
Leader: Peter Jones Sheffield Hallam University (UK)
Abstract: [JONES](#)

Special PANEL: [Wrap-up Discussion](#) with the Workshop Leaders Sat 2-4pm

Workshops will be held on Friday & Saturday; the conference is on Sunday & Monday

Registration is free but please [pre-register](#).

Location: Penn State University Park Campus, University Park, PA 16802 (USA)

These workshops are **free** and open to everyone who registers for the conference. You may also attend the workshops only.

Please register early! Information on accommodation available [here](#) and from the conference committee.

Applying Integrational Linguistics

(Workshop 1)

Dorthe Duncker, Workshop Leader

The workshop is about how integrational linguistics can be applied in practice. Integrationism invites you to think about your everyday communicational experience, as well as your practice as a professional linguist, in a different way. Integrational linguistics privileges the “first person” perspective, the perspective of the individual communicating agent, and this perspective also defines the perspective of the investigative linguist. It is impossible to leave or to step outside of language in order to study language. Linguistics is in itself a linguistic exercise, and all communicating participants are uniquely situated in time and space. This linguistic reflexivity conditions our lives as communicating participants, and without it linguistics would not be possible. The integrational mindset requires you to think about things you take for granted and to rethink inveterate academic habits. In a sense, you become attentive to your usual inattentiveness, and in return you will realize that no linguistic methodology can be neutral or innocent. For this reason, the notion of “linguistic data” needs to be radically reconsidered for it to be compatible with integrational principles. In the workshop, you will get to have hands-on experience with the challenges an integrational approach poses to the study of linguistic phenomena.

FRIDAY, 10am-1pm Workshop Room I

Workshop Leader:

Dorthe Duncker

Associate Professor, Department of Nordic Studies and Linguistics
University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Integrational Linguistics and the Myth of Reference

(Workshop 2)

Adrian Pablé, Workshop Leader

In this workshop I will be discussing different theoretical models of how words are supposed to mean and the beliefs underlying these models. Drawing on practical examples, we will explore how linguistic beliefs shape communicational activities involving the establishment of ‘reference’ in different domains (e.g. science), which are questions about the ontology of things and how we gain knowledge of them. Against the background of how particular traditions of philosophy and linguistics have approached the issue of ‘reference’, I will introduce participants to the tenets of an integrational semiology and epistemology based on my own fieldwork on names and discuss how decontextualized analyses of relations between ‘words and things’ mislead our thinking about the status and function of ‘names’. Furthermore we will look into Roy Harris’s notion of ‘glossing practice’ with particular reference to the metalinguistic questions ‘What’s the name of object x?’ and ‘What does name x refer to?’ and invite participants to imagine situations in which we are called upon to establish reference as a practical communicational activity. In this way, we will be able to highlight the importance of personal linguistic experience as the point of departure for the integrational linguist.

FRIDAY, 2-5pm Workshop Room I

Workshop Leader

Adrian Pablé

Associate Professor, School of English
The University of Hong Kong

Communication in Cooperation Peter Jones, Workshop Leader

(Workshop 3)

'What we typically experience in face-to-face communication', as Roy Harris put it, 'is the temporal development of a single integrated continuum, to which signs of various kinds contribute.' In this workshop we explore the value of integrationist insights for reflecting on our experiences and observations of a practical task involving face-to-face communication to be carried out during the workshop session. The task requires small groups of participants to cooperate towards a set goal and to endeavour to improve their performance over repeated trials. Of particular interest will be the ways in which participants jointly make of the task activity 'a single integrated continuum' through the spontaneous creation and continual transformation in real time of the communicational dimensions of their cooperative relationship.

Saturday, 9:30am-12:30pm Workshop Room I

Workshop Leader:

Peter Jones

Reader in Language and Communication in the Department of Humanities
Sheffield Hallam University, U.K.

WRAP-UP PANEL DISCUSSION

(Workshop 4)

Dorthe Duncker, Peter Jones & Adrian Pablé

In this final session, all three workshop leaders will engage with each other, and with the audience, in a wrap-up discussion to answer questions that have arisen over the course of the weekend, to offer clarification of points from their workshop activities, and to preview the sessions they will hold during the conference that follows over the next two days.

Saturday, 2-4pm Workshop Room II

Workshop Leaders

Audience Members

Questions? Please contact a member of the Conference Committee:

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