

Issues in neurolinguistics and neuropragmatics

Lecturer: Valentina Bambini

H: 10

Credits: 2

Semester: I

Compulsory course: A

Description

Neurolinguistics investigates which linguistic categories are relevant for the brain, and how they are implemented. As part of neurolinguistics, neuropragmatics focuses on the neural response to the pragmatic aspects of language, such as context-dependent meanings and discourse. The first part of the course will introduce the students to the main approaches in neurolinguistics research (studies on clinical populations, functional and structural neuroimaging, EEG), illustrating the main achievements in the study of grammatical and lexical aspects of language. The second part will focus on pragmatics, showing the complex interplay of linguistic and cognitive functions involved in processing implicit meanings, and the vulnerability of pragmatic abilities in pathological conditions.

Suggested readings

Bambini V (2017). *Il cervello pragmatico*. Roma: Carocci.

Kemmerer D (2014). *Cognitive Neuroscience of Language*. New York: Psychology Press. [selected parts]

Evaluation

The evaluation will be based on an oral exam.

Calendar:

October 15th, 2018 - 14:30-17:30

October 22nd, 2018 - 11:00-13:00; 14:00-16:00

October 29th, 2018 - 14:30-17:30

Classroom 1-16: October 15th and 29th

Classroom 1-14: October 22nd.