



The Cognitive Revolution 60 Years On

The British Academy, 26 & 27 September 2013

**Convenors: Professor Ian Roberts FBA and Dr Theresa Biberauer,
University of Cambridge**

Thursday, 26 September 2013

09.15 *Registration & refreshments*

Session 1: Universal Grammar and Language Typology

Chair: Mr András Bány, University of Cambridge

09.45 Elementary syntactic computations and syntactic hierarchies
Professor Luigi Rizzi FBA, University of Siena

10.30 A reconsideration of the reification of linguistics
Professor Daniel Everett, Bentley University

11.15 *Refreshments*

Chair: Ms Alison Biggs, University of Cambridge

11.45 Beyond absolute universals
Professor Balthasar Bickel, University of Zurich

12.30 Towards a scientific approach to linguistic typology
Professor Lisa Matthewson, University of British Columbia

13.15 *Lunch break*

Session 2: Formalisms, Grammars, Logic and Languages

Chair: Mr Tim Bazalgette, University of Cambridge

14.30 Universals and structure in models of linguistic performance
Professor Edward Stabler, University of California

15.15 Formalizing syntactic theories as a strategy for investigating cognition
Professor Geoffrey Pullum FBA, University of Edinburgh

16.00 *Refreshments*

16.20 Discussion session chaired by Professor Ian Roberts FBA and Dr Theresa Biberauer

17.00 *Close of first day of conference and drinks reception in the Gallery*

Friday, 27 September 2013

Session 1: Language Acquisition and Learning

Chair: Dr Theresa Biberauer, University of Cambridge

- 09.15 What parsers want from grammars
Professor Janet Dean Fodor, City University, New York
- 10.00 Computational learning theory applied to arguments from the poverty of the stimulus
Professor Shalom Lappin FBA and Dr Alexander Clark, King's College London
- 10.45 *Refreshments*

Chair: Ms Jessica Brown, University of Cambridge

- 11.10 A subjective approach to objective generalizations from formal semantics
Professor Emmanuel Chemla, Ecole Normale Supérieure
- 11.55 Learning biases within a probabilistic approach to universals
Professor Jennifer Culbertson, George Mason University
- 12.40 *Lunch break*

Session 2: Language and Cognition

Chair: Dr Jenneke van der Wal, University of Cambridge

- 13.40 The original sin of cognitive science
Professor Stephen Levinson FBA, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics
- 14.25 Individual differences and their implications for cognitive theories of language
Professor Ewa Dąbrowska, Northumbria University
- 15.10 *Refreshments*

Chair: Professor Ian Roberts, University of Cambridge

- 15.30 The full Chomsky: Grammar in the mind/brain (really)
Professor Paul Smolensky, Johns Hopkins University
- 16.15 How syntax and semantics have provoked different views of linguistic competence
Professor Barbara Partee, University of Massachusetts at Amherst
- 17.00 *Close of conference*