

International Symposium

**“Molecular Anthropology of Language: Results and Prospects”
29-30 September 2021, University of Zurich**

Venue: Aula RAA-G-01

(Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Rämistrasse 59, 8001 Zurich)

PROGRAM

September 29th, 2021

08.50 - 09.00	Welcome by the NCCR Directors
09.00 - 09.45	Simon Fisher (keynote) - MPI Nijmegen Title: Learning to translate the genome in studies of speech and language
09.45 - 10.00	Q&A
10.00 - 10.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.30 - 11.00	Angela Morgan (via Zoom) - MCRI, Melbourne Title: Monogenic related speech and language conditions
11.00 - 11.15	Q&A
11.15 - 11.45	Antonio Benitez-Burraco (via Zoom) - U. of Seville Title: The genetics of human self-domestication and the evolution of human language(s)
11.45 - 12.00	Q&A
12.00 - 13.30	<i>Lunch at UniTurm</i>
13.30 - 14.00	Cedric Boeckx - ICREA, Barcelona Title: Paleo-cognomics? Linking levels and minding gaps
14.00 - 14.15	Q&A



14.15 - 14.45	Reyna Gordon - Vanderbilt U. Title: Harnessing advances in genomic methodology to reveal shared biology between language and musicality traits
14.45 - 15.00	Q&A
15.00 - 15.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15.30 - 16.00	Chiara Barbieri - U. of Zurich Title: Matches and mismatches between human genetic history and language diversity
16.00 - 16.15	Q&A
16.15 - 17.00	Mark Stoneking (keynote) - MPI Leipzig Title: Archaic genomes and insights into human evolution
17.00 - 17.15	Q&A
18.00	<i>Dinner at Restaurant "Mère Catherine" (Nägelihof 3, 8001 Zürich)</i>

September 30th, 2021

09.00 - 09.45	Alicia Sanchez-Mazas (keynote) - U. of Geneva Title: Genetic legacies of humanity and immunity in African populations
09.45 - 10.00	Q&A
10.00 - 10.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.30 - 11.00	Peter Ranacher - U. of Zurich Title: Exploring correlations in genetic and cultural variation across language families in northeast Asia
11.00 - 11.15	Q&A
11.15 - 11.45	Sonja Vernes - U. of St Andrews Title: What bats can tell us about vocal learning and spoken language?
11.45 - 12.00	Q&A
12.00 - 13.30	<i>Lunch at UniTurm</i>



- 13.30 - 14.00 Dan Dediu - CNRS Lyon
Title: Culture, environment and genes interact in complex ways to “nudge” language change and influence linguistic diversity
- 14.00 - 14.15 Q&A
- 14.15 - 14.45 Patrick Wong (via Zoom) - Chinese U. of Hong Kong
Title: Individual differences in Lexical Tone Perception”
- 14.45 - 15.00 Q&A
- 15.00 - 15.30 *Coffee Break*
- 15.30 - 16.00 Valentin Thouzeau & Paul Verdu - CNRS Paris
Title: From macro to micro linguistic and genetic evolution on the African shores of the transatlantic slave trade
- 16.00 - 16.15 Q&A
- 16.15 - 17.00 Laurent Excoffier (keynote) - U. of Bern
Title: Inferring the history of populations with ancient DNA: Revisiting the origin of early European farmers
- 17.00 - 17.15 Q&A
- 17.15 - 17.30 Wrap-Up by the NCCR Directors
- 18.00 *Dinner at Restaurant Santa Lucia Teatro (Rämistrasse 32, 8001 Zürich)*