

The Mind-Context Divide Workshop presents*

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The Interface between syntax, prosody, and information structure:

What we can learn from L2 speech

In this talk, we discuss the interaction between syntax, certain aspects of prosody, and information structure, comparing English and Spanish, two languages that are similar in certain respects and different in others. It will be argued that not all differences are of the same nature: some are deeply rooted in grammar while other differences are of a stylistic nature. In the second part of the talk, it will be argued that L2 speech (through the acquisition timing of the different aspects of prosody) can provide evidence for such a view.

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