Workshop „Understanding Acceptability Judgments“

Title: Understanding Acceptability Judgments

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Description:

The workshop brings together researchers working on and with acceptability judgments with the aim to deepen our understanding of acceptability judgments and to sharpen our tools. The workshop addresses questions like

- What does it mean to give an acceptability judgment?
- What processes/factors are involved? How can we distinguish them/their impact on the resulting judgment? How can we control for impact factors?
- How shall we obtain and analyze acceptability judgments (what procedure under what circumstances, what statistical tools)
- Do we always need formal experiments? When do we need formal experiments?
- What if linguists’ intuitions and ratings obtained in an experiment deviate from each other?
- How do acceptability judgments relate to other measures?
- When and how can we combine acceptability judgments and other methods?
- How to interpret acceptability judgments?
- What does gradience indicate? What's the source and how can we distinguish sources of gradience?
- What is/should be the status of acceptability judgments within theoretical linguistics?

Speakers:

Markus Bader, Goethe University Frankfurt
Gisbert Fanselow & Jana Häussler, University of Potsdam
Lyn Frazier, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Ted Gibson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Grant Goodall, University of California, San Diego
Philip Hofmeister, University of Essex
Tom Juzek, University of Oxford
Colin Phillips, University of Maryland
Carson Schütze, University of California, Los Angeles
Jon Sprouse, University of Connecticut
Thomas Weskott, University of Göttingen

Venue: Am Neuen Palais, Building 9, Rooms 2.03 and 2.04