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THURSDAY INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLOQUIUM

Thursday 12/06/2025

16:15-17:45

Webb 103

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Comparison in natural language as an interface phenomenon

This talk is devoted to comparative structures that express inequality, such as

Mary runs faster than Lisa.

Mary runs faster than she used to.

Mary runs faster than usual.

Lisa walks faster than Mary runs.

I will start out with a typology of these comparative constructions, focusing on how cross-linguistic variation has informed formal syntactic and semantic research to date. Against this background, I will address outstanding questions in this empirical domain, proposing a research program to tackle them comprehensively – at the interfaces of syntax, semantics, prosody and information structure.

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