News & Events

2018 Annual Symposium: Language Sciences and Health
This year's Annual Symposium on 13 November was a great opportunity for interdisciplinary networking and collaboration, with over 150 colleagues in attendance from across the Schools of Arts & Humanities, Humanities & Social Sciences, Technology, Clinical Medicine and Biological Sciences. Delegates also included representatives from Cambridge Assessment, Cambridge University Press as well as Speech and Language Therapy clinicians from Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

The event highlighted the importance of language for individual wellbeing and developmental trajectories, and the significant potential of Natural Language Processing to contribute to research on public health. The speakers were Prof. Usha Goswami (Centre for Neuroscience in Education), Prof. Courtenay Norbury (University College London), Dr Jenny Gibson (Faculty of Education), Dr Claudia Abreu Lopes (Africa's Voices Foundation) and Dr Maria Liakata (University of Warwick/Alan Turing Institute).

Many thanks to the speakers, the poster presenters and Samantha Sie and Joyce Lim for organising the poster sessions. Thanks also to Cambridge University Press for sponsoring the drinks reception and the poster competition.

Please visit sms.cam.ac.uk/collection/2298026 to watch talks from the Symposium and other Language Sciences events.

Research Incubator Fund: call now open
The latest Incubator Fund call is now open. This is a small projects fund to foster innovative and interdisciplinary research. You can find a list of funded projects, and more information here: www.languagesciences.cam.ac.uk/language-sciences-research-incubator-fund

Please apply via the online portal: webservices.admin.cam.ac.uk/ncbk/gnsg/index.cgi.

Deadline: 15 January 2019 (12:00)

Research Strategy Forum Meetings
Forum meetings explore potential research collaboration across disciplines and groups to act as a driver for new research. We are now inviting proposals for next term. To propose a topic for a future meeting please contact Jane Walsh or the Cambridge Language Sciences Directors, Prof. Ann Copestake and Prof. Ianthi Tsimpli.

Language, Brains & Machines: meeting #2
The *Language, Brains & Machines* interdisciplinary research workshop, jointly organised with Cambridge Neuroscience, took place on 15 October at the MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit. There were over 50 participants from a range of research backgrounds. Presenters from Computer Science & Technology, Psychology, Cognition & Brain Sciences and Theoretical & Applied Linguistics provided an overview of their work relating to computational neurolinguistics. This was followed by opportunities for delegates to discuss data-sharing and future collaborative research in this emerging field.

A cross-disciplinary literature review carried out for this group with support from the Research Incubator Fund is also now available. Please contact Paula Buttery or Andrew Caines if you would like to access this.

Education in Challenging Contexts: meeting #2
The second *Education in Challenging Contexts* meeting took place on 13 December. Dr Yongcan Liu (Education), Ms Bethan Rees (Cambridgeshire County Council) and Dr Sara Hennessy (Education) opened proceedings with short presentations respectively on developing an assessment model for EAL learners, the STEP4SEAS project for the inclusion of disadvantaged learners, and teacher training and development in Zambia.

Summaries of these and other previous meetings are published on the language sciences website and are accessible to University members via Raven authentication: www.languagesciences.cam.ac.uk/research-strategy-forum

External Advisory Board Inaugural Meeting
The Cambridge Language Sciences Advisory Board held its first meeting on 14 November. The Board will meet annually and make recommendations for the sustainability and future development of Cambridge Language Sciences. The members are Prof. Aditi Lahiri (University of Oxford), Prof. Stephen Levinson (Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics), Prof. Antonella Sorace (University of Edinburgh) and Prof. Stephen Pulman (University of Oxford). The Board met members of the Management Committee and student and post-doc representatives. The Board's report will be discussed at the Lent Term Management Committee meeting.

Studentships and Post-Doctoral Positions
The following interdisciplinary studentships and postdoctoral positions are currently advertised on the Language Sciences website. Please visit www.languagesciences.cam.ac.uk/jobs or click on the links below for further information:

- Research Associate, Giving Voice to Digital Democracies: The Social Impact of Artificially Intelligent Communications Technology (Deadline: 31 January 2019)
- Cambridge ESRC DTP Interdisciplinary Studentship: Brain mechanisms for individualised learning (Deadline: 3 January 2019)
- Cambridge ESRC DTP Knowledge Exchange Studentship: Effects of nutrition education on literacy and communication skills (Deadline: 3 January 2019)
- Cambridge ESRC DTP Interdisciplinary Studentship: The role of prediction in reading (Deadline: 3 January 2019)
- EPSRC-DTP Studentship in Natural Language Processing and Information Extraction (Deadline: 3 January 2019)
- Research Associate (Fixed term), Neurobiology of language processing using MEG (Deadline: 6 January 2019)
- EPSRC-DTP Studentship in Natural Language Processing and Information Extraction (Deadline: 3 January 2019)

External network
We are in the process of building an external network designed to lay foundations for collaboration with Cambridge Language Sciences as an academic partner, and make it possible to respond quickly when funding opportunities arise. There is an agreement of cooperation pending sign-off with Chuo University, Japan. Agreement has also been reached in principle with Ca'Foscari University, Venice and Univerzita Karlova, Prague.

Please get in touch (contact@languagesciences.cam.ac.uk) if you would like to input further suggestions.

Forthcoming Events
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Early-Careers Research Symposium: June 2019
Following the success of this year's June symposium dedicated to work by early-careers researchers, Dr Andrew Caines and Ms Jane Walsh will be putting a programme together for a similar event in 2019. Please contact Jane Walsh if you would like to be involved, and watch our mailing list and Lent newsletter for further details.

Grant Applications
Please contact Jane Walsh if you would like a boilerplate paragraph about Cambridge Language Sciences to include as part of the case for support for a research grant application, or for other information relating to Cambridge Language Sciences which might be useful in strengthening your proposal.

Visiting Scholars
- Dr Kanako Komiya (Ibaraki University, Japan)
- Dr Simon Pickl (University of Salzburg, Austria)

Please visit our Visiting Scholars page for information about their research interests and to find out who else is in Cambridge this academic year.
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Watch talks from the Annual Symposium and other Language Sciences events: talks.cam.ac.uk/show/index/34176

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Cambridge Language Sciences is an Interdisciplinary Research Centre at the University of Cambridge. Our remit is to build on Cambridge's position as a centre of excellence for research and teaching in language sciences, and to create new opportunities for partnerships and collaboration.

Please get in touch if you have information you would like to share in the next newsletter. (contact@languagesciences.cam.ac.uk).