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30 March

**9h15-9h30** Coffee and welcoming address

Chair: Denis Creissels
- **9h30-10h30** Keynote talk: Greville Corbett (University of Surrey, UK)
  - ‘The Animacy Hierarchy: challenges, progress and challenges’
- **10h30-11h10** Elise Mignot & Caroline Marty (Paris Sorbonne, France)
  - ‘Human animate nouns and opacity: the case of compounds in English’

**11h10-11h30** Coffee break

Chair: Christelle Lacassain-Lagoin
- **11h30-12h10** Monika Kavalir (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia): ‘The anthropocentrism of absolute adjectival uses’
- **12h10-12h50** Daniel Elmiger (University of Geneva, Switzerland): ‘Anthroponyms as a heterogeneous category: Is there such a thing as personal nouns?’

**12h50-14h30** Lunch break

Chair: Greville Corbett
- **14h30-15h10** Denis Creissels (University of Lyon, France): ‘Humanness, animacy, and sex in the Niger-Congo noun class systems’
- **15h10-15h50** Christelle Lacassain-Lagoin (University of Pau, France): ‘See / Witness and the “setting-subject construction”: From egocentrism to anthropocentrism?’

17h30 Departure for the Musée des Confluences (what place for mankind in the universe?)

20h Dinner in town
31 March

Chair: Alison Sealey
9h-10h  Keynote talk: Elena Semino (Lancaster University, UK) ‘A mixed-methods linguistic approach to self-focus in narrative’
10h-10h40  Jurga Cibulskienė (Lithuanian University, Lithuania): ‘Animation of the euro and de-animation of refugees: Critical Metaphor Analysis’

10h40-11h10  Coffee break

Chair: Diane Nelson
11h10-11h50  Tuija Virtanen (Åbo University, Finland): ‘Linguistic egocentrism in collapsed contexts’
11h50-12h30  Alison Sealey (Lancaster University, UK): ‘Animals, animacy and anthropocentrism’

12h30-14h  Lunch break

Chair: Elena Semino
14h-14h40  Diane Nelson & Virve Vihman (University of Leeds, UK and University of Tartu, Estonia): ‘‘The toys are alive!’: Animacy, reference and anthropomorphism in *Toy Story*
14h40-15h20  Thijs Trompenaars & Taki Bremmers (Radboud University, Netherlands): ‘Taking the non-human perspective in literary fiction’

15h20-15h40  Coffee break

Chair: Tuija Virtanen
15h40-16h20  Naomi Truan (Université Paris-Sorbonne, France / Freie Universität Berlin, Germany): ‘On the pragmatics of the third person in political discourse’
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