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## Egocentrism and anthropocentrism in language and discourse

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**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-Lagoïn**

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-Lagoïn (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

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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