



## Language, Nature and Culture: innate or acquired?

### Program

**Monday, December 6, 2004, 1.00 p.m.**

#### **Session I: First Language Acquisition**

speakers:

**Prof. Dr. Elena Lieven** (Max Planck Institute-EVA, Leipzig/Manchester)

“Constructing language: the interplay between creativity and input”

**Prof. Dr. Harald Clahsen** (Essex)

“Distinct patterns of language impairment in Down Syndrome, William Syndrome, and SLI”

commentators:

**PD Dr. Hilke Elsen** (München)

**Dr. Michael Thomas** (Birkbeck College/University College London)

#### **Public Lecture 6.15 p.m.:**

**Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Grieshaber** (Münster)

"Sprache und Spracherwerb – im Spannungsfeld theoretischer Konzepte und empirischer Forschung"

**Tuesday, December 7, 2004, 9.00 a.m.**

#### **Session II: Biological Endowment and Environment**

speakers:

**Prof. Dr. Dr. Hans-Rainer Duncker** (Gießen)

"Evolutionary changes in body and behavior: Prerequisites for the development of society, language and culture in humans"

**Prof. Dr. Hans-Werner Bothe** (Münster)

"Freedom of will as an issue beyond modern brain research and neuromedicine"

commentators:

**Prof. Dr. Dieter Sturma** (Duisburg-Essen)

**PD Dr. Dr. Mathias Gutmann** (Marburg)

#### **Session III: Culture and Modularity**

speakers:

**Prof. Dr. Dan Sperber** (CRNS/Institut Jean Nicod, Paris)

“Culture and modularity”

**Dr. Malinda Carpenter** (Max Planck Institute-EVA, Leipzig)

"Understanding and sharing intentions: the origins of cultural cognition"

commentators:

**Prof. Dr. Daniel Andler** (Université de Paris-Sorbonne/Ecole normale supérieure)

**Prof. Dr. Richard Samuels** (King's College, London)