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)