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**Seminar On :** Optimizing Language Models by Mapping Elements of Human Cognition

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  7. Conclusion
3. References:
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**Abstract:** Recent language models like GPT3, BERT, XLNet, etc. have shown great performance over a wide range of Natural Language Processing tasks. But, multiple occurrences of study have shown that even though these models can learn aspects of linguistic formal structure (e.g. agreement, dependency structure), they do not extract meaning from the data. And, this is one of the reasons why these models are yet to achieve human-analogous language understanding. To bridge this gap, certain elements of human cognition involved in language understanding will be mapped to these language models followed by observing their performance on meaning-sensitive Natural Language Processing tasks. This model will provide a computationally cheaper alternative to perform various Natural Language Processing tasks as well as facilitate study in the direction of achieving the greater goal of General Linguistic Intelligence.

**Keywords:** GPT3, BERT, XLNet, Natural Language Processing, meaning-sensitive, human cognition, General Linguistic Intelligence

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