



THE INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON
**EARLY COMMUNICATION AND
LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT**

MADRID, APRIL 2-4, 2025

Program

Wednesday, April 2

14:30 – 15:30	Registration
15:30 – 16:00	Opening

Track 1: Multimodal keys in communicative and linguistic development

16:00 – 16:45	<p>Plenary conference: <i>Prosodic and body-movement signals ally in the development of language and communication.</i> Nuria Esteve-Gibert. Universitat Oberta de Catalunya.</p>
17:00 – 18:15	<p><u>Session 1: Multimodal keys in communicative and linguistic development</u> <i>Gaze aversion in 4-year-old children during speech disfluencies.</i> Angela Grimmer. Paderborn University.</p> <p><i>Screening and assessment tools for communication and language in young Portuguese children: Evidence on gesture use and acquisition.</i> Anabela Santos-Cruz*, Etelvina Lima, Sandra Ferreira and Cristiana Guimarães. University of Minho.</p> <p><i>From action to gesture to word: Multimodal pathways in language acquisition.</i> Olga Capirci. Italian National Research Council.</p> <p><i>The role of early gesture and touch for later vocabulary.</i> Tove Gerholm*, Stina Andersson and Tatjana von Rosen. Stockholm University.</p>
18:15 – 19:30	Vino español (social gathering)
20:00 – 21:00	Dinner
21:00	Social program

Note: For clarity, only the affiliation of the presenting author (marked with *) is indicated

Thursday, April 3

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast

Track 2: Developmental dynamics of early interactions

- 09:00 – 09:45 Plenary conference: [*Tuning into interaction: From “getting into synch” to co-constructing intersubjectivity.*](#)
Iris Nomikou. University of Portsmouth.
- 10:00 – 11:00 Session 2: Developmental dynamics of early interactions
[*Exploring 18-month-old infants’ communication competence in an interactive false belief task.*](#)
Ebru Ger*, **Nazlı Altınok** and **David Buttelmann.** Bern University.
[*Small children, big changes: Exploring teachers’ contingency in circle-time interactions with 0-3-year-olds.*](#)
Ana Moreno-Núñez*, **Marta Casla**, **Florencia Alam**, **Alba Torres** and **Jorge García-de-la-Plaza.** Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.
[*Situational model in shy children: How multimodal behavior can inform us?*](#)
Katharina Rohlfing*, **Valeriia Tykhonenko** and **Nils Tolksdorf.** Paderborn University.
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

Track 3: Movement, synchrony and communicative contexts

- 11:30 – 12:15 Plenary conference: [*Developmental trajectory of mother-infant motor coordination in early interaction: A four-case study.*](#)
Marianne Jover. Aix-Marseille Université.
- 12:30 – 13:30 Session 3: Movement and synchrony in communicative development
[*The effect of an online music programme on mother-child behavioural synchrony.*](#)
Michela Santangelo*, **Elena Florit**, **Chiara Barachetti** and **Marinella Majorano.** University of Verona.
[*Early spontaneous movement and communicative development: What does movement tell us about interaction in the first few months of life?*](#)
Eva Murillo* and **Guzmán Azagra.** Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.
[*Multimodal synchrony in early environments: How does caregivers’ use of movement and touch support language learning?*](#)
Rana Abu-Zhaya. University College London.
- 13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

Track 4: New approaches and methods to language development research: From dynamic assessment to AI opportunities

- 14:30 – 15:15 Plenary conference: [*Mind the “5th E”!: Ecological psychology in the remaking of developmental research.*](#)
Nicolás Alessandrini. Concordia University.
- 15:30 – 16:30 Session 4: New approaches to typical and atypical language development research (I)
[*The role of contextual factors in children’s phonology: Long-term implications.*](#)
Joana Acha*, **Gorka Ibaibarriaga** and **Gorka Vergara.** Universidad del País Vasco.

[*Communicative and linguistic developmental trajectories of infants with elevated likelihood of presenting autism.*](#)

Ruth Campos* and **Carmen Nieto**. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

[*Interactions in focus: Understanding early relationships and the environment in the communicational and linguistic development of babies with Down Syndrome.*](#)

Marcela Tenorio*, **Paulina Arango** and **Andrés Aparicio**. MICARE Chile.

16:30 – 17:30

Session 5: New approaches to typical and atypical language development research (II)

[*Redefining language diagnosis with multimodal assessment: Advancing dynamic assessment approaches for DLD and ASD.*](#)

Lucía Domingo-Moscardó* and **Alfonso Igualada**. Universitat Oberta de Catalunya.

[*Sentence repetition to assess early language abilities: Evidence from monolingual Spanish-speaking children aged 2 to 4 years of age.*](#)

Irene Rujas*, **Sofía Vieira**, **Miguel Lázaro**, **Sonia Mariscal** and **Natalia Bravo**. Universidad Complutense de Madrid.

[*Analyzing multimodal data with the MULTIDATA EU platform for AI-powered video processing.*](#)

Cristóbal Pagán. Universidad de Murcia.

17:30 – 19:30

Networking and poster session

20:00 – 21:00

Dinner

21:00

Social program

Friday, April 4

8:00 – 9:00

Breakfast

9:30 – 10:00

Title to be confirmed.

DataCamp.

Track 5: Young researchers in communication and language development: The future is now

10:00 – 11:00

Session 6: Young researchers in communication and language development: The future is now (I)

[*The multimodal nature of triadic interactions in the first year: A home-based approach.*](#)

Ana Mendoza* and **Ana Moreno-Núñez**. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

[*The impact of handwriting and typing on the reading acquisition process: A study with an artificial orthography.*](#)

Gorka Ibaibarriaga*, **Joana Acha** and **Manuel Perea**. Universidad del País Vasco.

Title to be confirmed.

Margarita Quesada*. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

11:00 – 11:30

Break

11:30 – 12:30

Session 7: Young researchers in communication and language development: The future is now (II)

[*Exploring musical dynamics in Early Childhood Education \(0–3 years\): A study of classroom interactions.*](#)

Noemí Martín-Ruiz*, **Ana Moreno-Núñez** and **Eva Jiménez-García**. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

Multimodal indicators as predictors of linguistic and communicative development in atypically developing children.

Guzmán Azagra*, Eva Murillo, Miriam Andrés and Alfonso Igualada. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

The role of phonological monitoring abilities in automatic activation and selection of words in early readers: Frequency and word neighborhood effects revisited.

Gorka Vergara*, Gorka Ibaibarriaga and Joana Acha. Universidad del País Vasco.

12:30 – 12:45

Final remarks and conclusions

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

Depart