

IcoLL2026: Provisional program

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As of 2025-11-26

21 February (Day 1)		Room 1		Room 2		Room 3		Room 4	
9:30-9:55	Opening remarks (Hinano Iida)								
10:00-11:00	Plenary talk: A Structural Perspective on Relational Similarity in Iconicity (Noburo Saji)								
11:05-11:20	Coffee break								
11:20-11:50	Oral presentations	[Ideophones] Behavior mirrored in the brain: An fNIRS study of Chinese ideophone modality exclusivity (Van Hoeë, Thomas; Yu, Xiaoyu; Zhang, Shuhao; Do, Youngah; Dewey, Dan)		[Lexicon] Iconicity Norms for 6,000+ Brazilian Portuguese Words (Godoy, Mahayana C.)		[Literature] Iconicity in the writer’s archive (Karpowicz, Agnieszka)		[Visual] From Page to Stage: Iconicity of Emotion Across Verbal and Visual-Kinesthetic Modes (Kostetskaya, Anastasia)	
11:55-12:25	Oral presentations	[Ideophones] Ideo-phonc language background does not aid in the comprehension of foreign ideophones (Herget, Marta; Neequaye, Josiah Nii Ashie; Tsang, Vanessa Wing Yan)		[Lexicon] Symmetries and Parallels in English and Russian Phonaesthemes (Shamina, Elina)		[Literature] Variations and Dynamics in Iconicity: A Study of Symbolic Liberation in Sree Narayana Guru’s Daiva Dasakam (Cherucodu, Rakesh)		[Visual] Do visual signals really afford more iconicity than acoustic signals? (Tong, Qingfeng; Perlman, Marcus)	
12:25-13:30	Lunch								
13:00-14:00	Poster presentations								
14:00-14:30	Oral presentations	[Ideophones] Phonosemantic Analysis of Russian Dialect Words Denoting Noisy and Greedy Eating and Drinking (Noland, Natalia and Besedina, Elena)		[Ideophones] Correlation between implicational hierarchy and loss of ideophonic lexemes: Evidence from Shanghainese (Sheng, Kaijun)		[Literature] Sonic Iconicity and the Flesh of the Earth: Perceptual Dynamics in The Skin of the Earth: Fragments (2024) by Paulo C. Chagas (Petković, Ivana Lozo)		[Visual] Getting the Bull by the Horns: Using the Terminology of Linguistics and Iconicity to Explain the Zen Ox Drawings (Herlofsky, William)	
14:35-15:05	Oral presentations			[Ideophones] Only onomatopoeia? Differentiating types of lexical iconicity in the Etymological Dictionary of English Imitative Words (Flaksman, Maria)		[Literature] The Iconicity of “Shadow” from In Praise of Shadows (Tanizaki Junichiro) to Murakami Haruki’s Novels as the Key to Explore the Modern Japanese Psyche, Aesthetic and Identity (Nguyen, Bich Nha Truc; Inoue, Tooru)		[Visual] Iconicity Across Modalities: A Structural Comparison of Signed Languages with Written/Vocal and Pictorial Languages (Sähn, Thomas; Sharifzadeh, Saghie)	
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15:20-15:50	Oral presentations	[Theory] Finding Iconic Patterning in Situated Communicative Practice: A Peircean Semiotic Approach to Iconicity (Yamaguchi, Masataka)		[Tone] Motion-mapped and Emotionally Trapped: Tonal Iconicity in the Domains of Spatial Motion and Emotional Valence (Gao, Feier; Ngai, Chun Hau; Zhou, He)		[Gesture] Going above and beyond: Iconic pitch and gesture extension in Hul’q’umi’num’ (Webb, Rosemary)		[Syntax] Internal Iconicity within languages and across modalities (Tai, James)	
15:55-16:25	Oral presentations	[Theory] Iconific Minds and Heuristic Signs (Colapietro, Vincent)		[Tone] Magnitude Iconicity of Grammatical Tone in Yorùbá Sarcasm (Akinbo, Samuel)		[Gesture] Multimodal iconicity – ideophones and co-speech gestures in Ga and German (Neequaye, Josiah Nii Ashie; Kaul, Kim Josephine; Steinbach, Markus; Ebert, Cornelia)		[Syntax] A Tale of Two Grammars: A Cophonological Analysis of Iconic Phonology (Wong, Willis Chun Lai)	
16:25-16:45	Oral presentations					[Gesture] Pointing in Hawu: A cross-cultural comparison of iconic forms (Pappas, Leah)			
22 February (Day 2)									
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10:00-11:00	Plenary talk: Iconicity bootstrapping hypothesis for the acquisition and evolution of language (Mutsumi Imai)								
11:05-11:20	Coffee break								
11:20-11:50	Oral presentations	[Motion] Manner of motion in Harry Potter: How ideophones are used in motion event descriptions in Japanese and Korean translations (Park, Jiyeon; Iwasaki, Noriko)		[Lexicon] The Semantics of Pharyngealization: between Identity and Sound Symbolism (Radawi, Saeed)		[Literature] Line, circle, arrow. Word-image intertwining in the poetry of Ilse and Pierre Garnier (Prusiel, Karolina)		[Sign language] Iconicity and Handshape Type Frequency in Taiwan Sign Language (Tsay, Jane; Myers, James)	
11:55-12:25	Oral presentations	[Motion] Acoustic frequency and movement associations (Villegas, Julián)		[Lexicon] Automatic Identification of Phonic and Semantic Patterns for Iconicity Research: A Transformer Approach. (Parker, Tom; Allen, Jared)		[Literature] Iconicity, Chronotopes, and Cosmology in Ritual Speech (Takekuro, Makiko)		[Sign language] The (in)flexibility of classifier handshapes: Iconic depiction in two unrelated sign languages (Tsang, Vanessa W. Y.; Finkbeiner, Thomas; Steinbach, Markus; Wong, Yiu Leung Aaron)	
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14:35-15:05	Oral presentations	[Visual] How “No Littering” Pictograms Construe Events: A Cognitive Linguistic Analysis of Action Chains and Profiling (Nishimura, Ayaka)		[Lexicon] Sound Symbolic Javanese First Names: A Random Forest Approach (Ngai, Chun Hau)		[Literature] A Paradox of Silence Emerging from Unspoken Sounds: Onomatopoeia, Iconicity, and Dynamic Contrast in Japanese Haiku (Arimitsu, Nami)		[Sign language] How Language Experience Shapes Iconicity Judgments (Kang, Hyeonah; Choi, Yongju)	
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15:55-16:25	Oral presentations	[Visual] Iconic resemblance and metaphorical construal in distress relief posters (Dyrmo, Tomasz)		[Syntax] Coding asymmetries of tenselessness: Iconicity or economy? (Krajinović, Ana)		[Ideophones] Iconicity in Japanese Ideophone-Based Innovative Verbs: Integrating Speaker Judgments and BERT Modeling (Uno, Ryoko; Komiya, Kanako; Asahara, Masayuki)			
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16:40-17:40	Plenary talk: Iconicity and visual languages in a multimodal language faculty (Neil Cohn)								
18:00-20:00	Conference dinner								
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10:35-11:05	Oral presentations	[Ideophones] Sound symbolism a priori: Why are animal onomatopoeia (in)consistent? (Ekström, Axel; Dahlgren, Sonja)		[Sound symbolism] Sonority sounds beautiful, round, friendly, erotic—but why? Effects of iconicity and indexicality on language attitudes (Stein, Simon David)		[Literature] Linguistic Iconicity in Chinese Proverbs (Lu, Chia-Rung)		[Visual] Multimodal Iconicity in Sexual Health Communication on Bilibili (Wang, Ziyue Ivy)	
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11:55-12:25	Concluding remarks (Ian Joo & Kimi Akita)								
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1	Cross-Modal Iconicity in the Hermeneutics of Chenwei: A Digital Analysis of Astronomical Phenomena, Political Semantics, and Written Symbols (Dai, Rongguan)
1	Expressives in lesser-known languages of Northeast India: A Case Study of Mising (Doley, Normoda)
1	Iconicity in Semantic Shift: A Contrastive Analysis of Dimension and Physical Property Predicates in Vietnamese and English (Tăng, Thị Tuyét Mai)
1	Names for rounded and pointed objects: iconicity verified (Japanese designations of roundness and sharpness perceived by Russian speakers) (Besedina, Elena; Shamina, Elena; Gomzina, Olga)
1	The Iconicity of Form and Meaning in the Poetry of Su Shi and Jiang Fengchen (Ng, Chi Lim)
1	Visualizing “Xiang” in Classical Chinese Prose: AI-Based Structural Analysis of Shiji Chapters in Zeng Guofan’s Guwen Sixiang (Chyu, Shih-Wen)
1	When Sounds Speak: Sound Symbolism and Iconicity in Bangla (Banerjee, Mithun; Rahman, Syed Shahrier)
2	A Chronotopic Analysis of Iconic Gestures in Rock Climbing Narratives (Kataoka, Kuniyoshi)
2	Are Olfactory Expressions Synesthetic Metaphors or Cross-modal Iconicity? Evidence from Co-occurrence with Reduplicated Onomatopoeia (Suzuki, Azusa)
2	Cross-Cultural Differences in Gesture Use in Comics: A Corpus-Based Multimodal Analysis (Sekine, Kazuki; Yanase, Konoka; Cohn, Neil)
2	Embodied Viewpoints and Iconicity in Grammatical Aspect: Evidence from Persian Proximative and Progressive Aspect (Torabi, Maryam)
2	Interpretation of animal tracks vs. pictorial and linguistic narratives (Greenberg, Yael; Esipova, Masha; ben David, Asaf)
2	Investigating Tonal Iconicity: An Experimental Study of Sound Symbolism in Xitsonga (Hasegawa, Ren)
2	Phonorhetorical Personae: Iconic Naming in Early Chinese Philosophical Texts (Liu, Chunxiao)
2	Relevance of iconicity to the sense of “force” encapsulated in the meaning of Japanese motion ideophones (Toratani, Kiyoko; Abe, Sayaka)
2	The Role of Iconicity in the Acquisition of Mandarin Modal Verbs and Temporal Adverbs by Japanese Learners (Hsiao, Huichen S.)
2	Three-imperative Advertisements as Cases of Diagrammatic Iconicity (Nishida, Koichi)
2	To translate or not to translate ideophones in manga: It depends on meaning (Mori, Mai; Akita, Kimi)