

SemDial 2025 – Bialogue

September 3–5, 2025 · Bielefeld, Germany



Conference Programme

SemDial 2025 · Bialouge · Useful Information

- The registration desk will remain staffed throughout the conference. Please approach us there at any time if you have questions or need anything.
- Wifi is available on campus via *eduroam*. If you encounter any problems connecting, please contact the registration desk.

Finding your way around CITEC

- Oral presentations and invited talks take place in the CITEC Lecture Hall (ground floor).
- Poster presentations and coffee breaks take place in front of the CITEC Lecture Hall (ground floor).
- You can find the *Quiet Room* in CITEC 1.015 (first floor).
- You can find the *Meeting Room* in CITEC 2.017 (second floor).
- You can find the All Gender Restroom in CITEC 1. (first floor).

Breaks

- Lunch coupons are valid in the Bielefeld University *Mensa* (Building X, open 11:30–14:30).
- For after lunch coffee visit the cafeterias in Building X or in the HSBI (opposite CITEC), alternatively check out *Hassan* in the large hall of Bielefeld University's main building (cash only).

SemDial 2025 – Bialogue Proceedings



<https://purl.org/semdial/2025/proceedings>



Wednesday · Sept 3 · Morning

8:00 Registration

9:00 Welcome

9:15 **Keynote: Arabella Sinclair**
The Many Reasons for Repetition in Dialogue

10:30 Coffee break (20 min)

10:50 **Session 1: Studies – Natural Dialogue** (Chris Howes)

- *Grammatical person as a clue to interpreting French how-questions* (Jan Fliessbach, Lucia M. Tovená & Damien Fleury)
- *Does it take two to do an articulatory tango? Investigating the production of novel phonetic forms in varying communicative settings* (Leonie Schade, Daniel Duran, Sina Zarriß, Joana Cholin & Petra Wagner)
- *‘No no no no no no no no’: Multiple repetition in dialogue* (Zulpiye Yusupjiang, Paola Herreno-Castaneda, Mathilde Dargnat & Jonathan Ginzburg)

12:20 **Lunch break** (1:20 h)

University Mensa in X-Building
→ a 10 min walk from CITEC
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Wednesday · Sept 3 · Afternoon

13:40 **Session 2: Grounding and Repair** (Julian Hough)

- *Identifying repair opportunities in child-caregiver interactions* (Abhishek Agrawal, Benoit Favre & Abdelah Fourtassi)
- *Do young adolescents draw on common ground like adults?* (Clara Grégoire, Héloïse Retournard, Stéphane Rauzy & Maud Champagne-Lavau)
- *Social repair* (Alafate Abulimiti & Vladislav Maraev)
- *Misunderstanding the concrete, disagreeing about the abstract: A closer look at word meaning negotiation triggers* (Bill Noble, Staffan Larsson & Jenny Myrendal)

15:40 Coffee break (20 min)

16:00 **Poster Session 1**

17:30 Reception

Wednesday · Sept 3 · Evening Suggestions

19:30 A table is reserved at *Brauhaus Joh. Albrecht*

Hagenbruchstr. 8 in Bielefeld Altstadt
→ a 7 min walk from tram stop *Rathaus*



all week This week, the Bielefeld Wine Festival is taking place (closes around 23:00).

Alter Markt in Bielefeld Altstadt (cannot be missed)
→ a 3 min walk from tram stop *Rathaus*

Poster Session 1 • Wednesday 16:00

- *Pragmatic reasoning for irony detection with large language models in English and Norwegian* (Margareta Berg, Ildikó Pilán, Ingrid Lossius Falkum & Pierre Lison)
- *“It’s simply a different way of communicating” – Attitudes on nonverbal communication of autistic adults in the Netherlands* (Anna Palmann, James P. Trujillo, Linda Drijvers & Floris Roelofsen)
- *Are you laughing at me? Patterns of laughter while playing a voice activated game in pairs compared to single-player* (Talha Bedir, Bora Kara & Christine Howes)
- *Toward emotional description via meta-dialogue: A preliminary framework for data collection* (Kei Shimonishi, Koji Inoue, Yasuyuki Usuda & Rui Sakaida)
- *Child-directed speech is fine-tuned to children’s developmental needs* (Bastian Bunzeck, Holger Diessel)
- *Surprised to kill: Quantifying LLM uncertainty in morally-charged triadic dialogues* (Vanessa Vanzan, Nikolai Ilinykh, Simon Dobnik & Christine Howes)
- *Communication at an angle* (Mattias Appelgren, Ellen Breitholtz, Robin Cooper & Simon Dobnik)
- *How task complexity and voice type shape prosodic and physiologic cues of engagement in human-machine dialogue* (Océane Granier, Laurent Prevot, Roxane Bertrand & Kévin Gravouil)
- *The FLEX benchmark: Evaluating pragmatic competence in LLMs via false presuppositions* (Judith Sieker, Clara Lachenmaier & Sina Zarriß)
- *One -hii to rule them all: Functions and intonation of particle -hii in Hindi movie dialogues* (Shravani Patil & Farhat Jabeen)
- *Intonation and prosodic phrasing of particle ‘-hii’ in Hindi/Urdu dialogues* (Farhat Jabeen & Shravani Patil)
- *Integrating LLMs into the DIARC cognitive architecture to resolve past temporal references* (Valerio Farriciello & Frank Förster)

Thursday · Sept 4 · Morning

8:30 Registration

9:00 **Session 3: LLMs and Dialog Systems** (David Traum)

- *Benchmarking LLMs for mimicking child-caregiver language in interaction* (Jing Liu & Abdellah Fourtassi)
 - *Conv-BDI: An extension of the BDI framework for conversational agents* (Nicholas Thomas Walker, Nicolas Wagner, Laetitia Hilgendorf & Stefan Ultes)
 - *Automated administration of questionnaires during casual conversation using question-guiding dialogue system* (Yuki Zenimoto, Mariko Yoshida, Ryo Hori, Mayu Urata, Aiko Inoue, Takahiro Hayashi & Ryuichiro Higashinaka)
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10:30 Coffee break (30 min)

11:00 **Session 4: Turn-taking** (Svetlana Stoyanchev)

- *Why so cold and distant? Effects of inter-turn gap durations on observers' attributions of interpersonal stance* (Stefan Blohm & Mathias Barthel)
 - *Alexa, you are too slow! Invariant turn-transition times and conversational flow in natural human-voice agent interaction* (Mathias Barthel)
 - *Head and hand movements during turn transitions: Data-based multimodal analysis using the frankfurt vr gesture-speech alignment corpus (FraGA)* (Andy Lücking, Felix Voll, Daniel Rott, Alexander Henlein & Alexander Mehler)
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Thursday · Sept 4 · Afternoon

12:30 **Lunch break** (1:30 h)

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13:30 SemDial Business Meeting (CITEC 2.017)

14:00 **Poster Session 2**

15:30 Coffee break (30 min)

16:00 **Keynote: Robert D. Hawkins**
Foraging for Common Ground

Thursday · Sept 4 · Evening

18:30 **Conference Dinner at NUMA**

Obernstr. 25 in Bielefeld Altstadt
→ a 5 min walk from tram stop *Rathaus*



Poster Session 2 • Thursday 14:00

- *Across the board: Human-human game learning dialogues* (Mattias Appelgren, Erik Lagerstedt, Christine Howes & Asad B. Sayeed)
 - *The dual nature as a local context to explore verbal behaviour in game explanations* (Josephine B. Fisher & Lutz Terfloth)
 - *Towards a discourse-structure based response classification for interviews* (René Nicolas & Arndt Riester)
 - *Contextual interpretation in human-robot dialogue* (Svetlana Stoyanchev, Youmna Farag, Simon Keizer, Mohan Li & Rama Doddipatla)
 - *Mapping the landscape of dialogue research: A meta-analysis of ACL Anthology 2024* (Amandine Decker, Maxime Amblard & Ellen Breitholtz)
 - *Evaluating prosodic variation in English and Icelandic synthesized speech* (Caitlin Laura Richter, Naizeth Núñez Macías, Stefán Ólafsson, Jon Guðnason & Hannes Högni Vilhjálmsson)
 - *Conceptual Pact Models of Reference in Building Games With Dialogue: Scaling Up From Pentomino Puzzles to the Challenge of Minecraft* (Julian Hough, Chris Madge, Matthew Purver & Massimo Poesio)
 - *MLLMs Construction Company – Investigating Multimodal LLMs’ Communicative Skills In a Collaborative Building Task* (Marika Sarzotti, Giovanni Duca, Chris Madge, Raffaella Bernardi & Massimo Poesio)
 - *Learning to refer: How scene complexity affects emergent communication in neural agents* (Dominik Künkele & Simon Dobnik)
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Friday · Sept 5 · Morning

8:30 Registration

09:00 **Session 5: Studies – Mediated Dialogue** (Andy Lücking)

- *Information exchange vs. opinion discussion as distinct communicative contexts in online conversations: A corpus-based study of speech acts and rhetorical relations dynamics in dialogue* (Gonzalo Freijedo Aduna & Alda Mari)
- *Shaping virtual interactions: F-formations in social VR* (Karl Clarke & Patrick Healey)
- *Seeking agreement in remote psychiatric consultations: A conversation analytic perspective* (Naphat Jittavisutthikul, Patrick Healey, Sarah Bourdin & Philip McNamee)
- *Constructing a multi-party conversational corpus focusing on interlocutor relationships* (Taro Tsuda, Sanae Yamashita, Koji Inoue, Tatsuya Kawahara & Ryuichiro Higashinaka)

11:00 Coffee break (30 min)

11:30 **Keynote: David Schlangen**
Meaningful Interaction with Unreal Speakers?

12:45 Closing
