

GLOW 2013 Workshop IV

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ACQUISITION OF SYNTAX IN CLOSE VARIETIES

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Much work in the acquisition of syntax and morphology has focused on cross-linguistic differences and/or cross-linguistic influence in two or more *typologically distinct* languages. Acquisition scenarios and comparative studies of *typologically similar* languages are a comparatively under-researched area, although they raise a number of questions, which have, so far, not been answered or not even been addressed:

- How does the acquisition of two typologically similar languages or varieties differ from the acquisition of two typologically distinct languages?
- Does typological similarity facilitate or inhibit acquisition?
- In which developmental stage or at what proficiency level is facilitation or inhibition expected to occur?
- Does typological similarity prevent language attrition and incomplete acquisition? (Polinsky 1997, Montrul 2008)
- Does typological similarity inhibit language separation in bilingual first language development, as expected under the Autonomy Hypothesis (Meisel 1989, Genesee 1989)?
- As for factors determining cross-linguistic influence, can typological proximity override language dominance or proficiency?
- Is perceived typological similarity (Kellermann 1983) more important than linguistic typological similarity? (Rothman 2011)
- Which (additional) methodological challenges does research on typologically similar languages pose?

The aim of this workshop is to bring together formally-oriented research in the acquisition of syntax and morpho-syntax of two typologically similar languages (e.g. Spanish and Italian or Danish and German) or varieties (e.g. Venetian and standard Italian). We invite contributions concerning all kinds of acquisition scenarios, such as simultaneous bilingualism, early L2 acquisition, adult L2 acquisition, L3 acquisition, and language attrition. Papers dealing with the early bilingual acquisition of mutually understandable languages (or varieties of one language) and L3 acquisition are especially welcome.

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Submission Guidelines

Submission procedure: All abstracts (including abstracts for the workshops) must be submitted online through *EasyChair*:

<https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=glow36>

The abstract deadline is **November 15, 23:59 CET**.

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Format: Abstracts (for oral presentations and posters) must not exceed two A4 pages in length. This includes data and references. Submissions must be consistent with the following format:

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- Font size no smaller than 12pt, with single line spacing; no more than 50 lines of text per page, including examples. Times New Roman.
- Examples must be integrated throughout the text of the abstract, rather than collected at the end.
- Nothing in the abstract, the title, or the name of the document should identify the author(s).
- At most two submissions per author, at most one of which can be single-authored.

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- Only submissions in **.pdf** format will be accepted.

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