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Invitation to the inaugural lecture
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Kriszta Eszter Szendrői

is Professor of Theoretical and Experimental Linguistics at the Department of Linguistics at the University of Vienna. She studied Theoretical Linguistics at Eötvös Lóránd University in Budapest, Hungary before acquiring a PhD in Linguistics at University College London in 2001. She worked at Utrecht University and later at University College London as a postdoctoral research fellow until 2006, when she was appointed Lecturer, later Senior Lecturer and in 2019, Professor, at the Department of Linguistics at University College London.

She takes a holistic approach to linguistic research, encompassing different subdisciplines of linguistics such as syntax and prosody, as well as both theoretical and experimental perspectives including the study of both adult and child language. She has a long-standing interest in information structure in language, especially on the way it is expressed in syntax and prosody. In a different line of research, for the past five years, she has undertaken the documentation and analysis of a new, emergent variant of Yiddish, Contemporary Hasidic Yiddish, while also supporting the Hasidic communities with translations and acting as a liaison between the communities and authorities.

Research focus

- Information structure in language, encompassing different subdisciplines of linguistics such as syntax and prosody
- Theoretical and experimental perspectives on language, including the study of both adult and child language
- Documentation and analysis of Contemporary Hasidic Yiddish grammar and development of pedagogical tools for the language

„The subject matter of linguistics, i.e. the structure of grammar and the understanding of the human capacity to attain knowledge of language, does not know sub-discipline boundaries. This is especially true of information structure in language, as it lies at the cross-roads of syntax, prosody, semantics and pragmatics.“

Programme

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Welcome by

Nikolaus Hautsch

(Vice-Rector of the University of Vienna)

Welcome address

Stephan Müller

(Dean of the Faculty of Philological and Cultural Studies)

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**After the lecture, we would like to invite you to a small reception
in the Small Ceremonial Hall.**

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