DISCOURSE EXPECTATIONS:
THEORETICAL, EXPERIMENTAL, AND COMPUTATIONAL PERSPECTIVES
(DETEC)

------ SECOND CALL ------

- **WORKSHOP DATES**: June 17-19 (Wednesday-Friday), 2015
  - June 17: pre-conference mingler and registration evening
  - June 18-19: talks and posters
  - June 18: workshop dinner
- **WHERE**: University of Alberta (Edmonton, Canada)

Conference website: http://detec2015.wordpress.com/
Email contact: detec2015@ualberta.ca

WHAT:

Studies on discourse processing indicate that natural language interpretation is expectation-driven. Even though it is uncontroversial that both linguistic (e.g. lexical items, morpho-syntactic constructions, prosody) and extralinguistic factors (e.g. world knowledge) are used to anticipate how discourse is likely to continue, the nature of their interplay is a topic of ongoing research. DETEC approaches this topic in an interdisciplinary fashion by comparing theoretical, experimental, and computational perspectives.

Following the success of DETEC 2013 in Tübingen, we are pleased to announce that DETEC 2015 will take place at the University of Alberta (Canada) from June 17-19, 2015.

We welcome submissions of theoretical, experimental and computational studies on topics related to any aspect of discourse expectations, how they arise, how they may be quantified, and how they may be modeled. Topics may be related (but not limited) to the nature of pragmatic aspects of meaning in discourse (inferences, presupposition, information structure, discourse particles, etc.), evidence source, reference resolution, aspectual coercion, emotion and other expressive aspects of meaning; and top-down expectations derived from real world knowledge such as event structure, or speaker familiarity.

In addition, we encourage submissions for a special session on the cross-linguistic variation of discourse expectations: how does cross-linguistic variation in lexical semantics, language-specific pragmatics, or cultural variation contribute to differences in how discourse expectations arise? In this respect, we encourage submissions from research on indigenous languages in the Americas and elsewhere.

Abstracts must be anonymous, and should be limited to a maximum of one page of text (a second page may be used for listing data, figures, and references, if needed). Pages should be

US Letter or A4, with one inch margins, and a minimum font size of 12pt (Times New Roman). Send abstracts to: detec2015@ualberta.ca. In the body of the email, include the title of the abstract, and the author(s)' name(s) and affiliation(s). Authors may submit a maximum of two abstracts, of which at least one must be co-authored.

Publication: We plan to publish a selection of papers from the conference as a special issue of a journal.

Invited speakers and talk titles (confirmed):

Theoretical: Dr. Lisa Matthewson (Department of Linguistics, University of British Columbia)
"No two ways about it: Emphatic assertion in Gitksan"

Experimental: Dr. Gina Kuperberg (Department of Psychology, Tufts University)
"A hierarchical generative framework of discourse comprehension"

Computational: Dr. T. Florian Jaeger (Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, University of Rochester)
"Expectation adaptation during language processing: What can it tell us about discourse processing?"

Deadline for submission of abstracts: March 15, 2015
Notification of acceptance: mid-April 2015