

Gesture—The Living Medium

First Congress of the International Society for Gesture Studies
College of Communication, University of Texas at Austin
June 5 - 8, 2002

Call for Papers

As inaugural congress of the International Society for Gesture Studies, this conference is intended to convene the “state of the art” in research and theory on gesture and to serve as a forum for a broad and lively interdisciplinary exchange of ideas, observations, and research findings. One aim of the conference is to take stock of what we know about the transformation of bodily experience and embodied knowledge into gestural symbolism and conceptual patterns in social interaction, work, and other realms of everyday life. However, we invite proposals for papers, panels, and other programs from all disciplines, including technology and the arts, and covering all aspects of the practice of gesticulation.

The conference will take place on the beautiful campus of the University of Texas at Austin, in and around a new dormitory designed to house conferences during summers and providing rooms for all conference participants. Accommodation will be appr. \$40 per night (double occupancy) or \$75 (single occupancy); the conference fee will be appr. \$100. Austin TX. has a well-deserved reputation as a relaxed and friendly city as well as the “Live Music Capital of the World”.

Program:

There will be plenary lectures, a special program “Gesture’s Life-Worlds”, parallel panels, workshops, poster-sessions, and performances. Time-slots for panels and other programs will be 1:45 hr. each; individual papers will be 20 min. plus 5 min. of discussion. Mornings will be reserved for plenary programs.

Plenary speakers:

Geneviève Calbris (CNRS, Paris)
Hubert Dreyfus (UC Berkeley)
Merlin Donald (Queens U., Kingston/Ontario)
Charles Goodwin (UCLA)
Adam Kendon (Philadelphia)
Scott Liddell (Gallaudet U.)

David McNeill (U. of Chicago)
Richard Shiff (UT Austin)

“Gesture’s Life- Worlds” (Plenary Program):

John Haviland (Anthropology, Reed College)
Curtis LeBaron (Communication, U. of Colorado)
and TBA

Deadlines:

for submission of proposals for panels, workshops, and other programs:
October 1, 2001;

for submission of abstracts for papers and posters: December 1, 2001

Registration begins in August 2001.

For detailed information please visit our website at

<http://www.utexas.edu/coc/speech/gesture/>

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or contact us at: gestureconference@hotmail.com

Organizer and Program Chair:

Jürgen Streeck (Communication Studies, UT Austin)

Organizing Committee:

Kate Henning, Elizabeth Keating, Curt LeBaron, Cornelia Müller, Roland Posner, Serge Santi, Joel Sherzer, and TBA

Scientific Committee:

Janet Bavelas (Psychology, U. of Victoria)

Justine Cassell (The Media Lab, MIT)

Charles Goodwin (Applied Linguistics, UCLA)

John Haviland (Anthropology & Linguistics, Reed College)

Adam Kendon (Anthropology, U. Pennsylvania)

Satoro Kita (MPI/Cognitive Anthropology, Nijmegen)

Mark Knapp (Communication Studies, UT Austin)

Gene Lerner (Sociology, UC Santa Barbara)

David McNeill (Psychology, U. of Chicago)

Isabella Poggi (Linguistics, U. of Rome)

Roland Posner (Semiotics, TU Berlin)

Herman Roodenburg (History/Mertens Institute, Amsterdam)

Eve Sweetser (Linguistics, UC Berkeley)

Sherman Wilcox (Linguistics, U New Mexico)

