

## **International Conference**

### **Gestures and words: new perspectives on the origins of language**

(Naples 4-5 May 2015)

The conference is organised by the Department of Humanities of the University of Naples Federico II, together with the Charles De Gaulle University - Lille III, S.Co.La.R. (Systématique Comparée des Langues Romanes) of the University - Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris III, the AMU-Aix- Marseille University, the Naples University "L'Orientale", the Centre Europe Direct Lupt of the University of Naples Federico II, the A.I.P.L. (Association International de Psychomécanique du Langage).

The conference aims to provide an overview of the debate on the origins of language, which was silenced after the Société Linguistique de Paris banned its members from discussing it in 1866. The starting point of the discussion is the recent theory according to which over the course of evolution from signals gestures become verbal communication. The specific correlation gesture/word and the possible shift from gestures to verbal communication is currently a matter of debate among linguists, psychologists of language and communication, neuroscientists and evolutionary psychiatrists.

The conference will make it possible for experts of different discipline to have an open debate on the shift from bodily gestures to articulatory gestures in the very origin of language.

Proposals for papers with an abstract of 15 to 20 lines - as well as a sheet with your name, address (postal and email), organization - should be sent before February 27, 2015, to: [perspectivesonlanguage@gmail.com](mailto:perspectivesonlanguage@gmail.com)

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