



Messages from MEDAL

Empower the next generation of linguistics

This triannual newsletter informs you about MEDAL's latest events and projects.
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Summer School in Experimental Linguistics

Exactly one month ago, the second MEDAL Summer School took place in Nijmegen. The methodology that was front and centre this time was **experiments**, with plenty of plenaries and workshops on survey design, EEG and eye-tracking in different settings and different populations, using Virtual Reality in linguistic research, and much more!

If you are still enjoying the summer school afterglow, you can read a short summary [here](#), or check out our [OSF page](#) where all the resources get uploaded.

In addition, you can help us out in making the next summer school even better by filling in the survey [here](#).

The third and final summer school will be on **computational modeling** and will take place **23-27 June 2025** in **Birmingham**! See you there!



Gretchen McCulloch is coming to Tartu and Nijmegen

Following the enthusiastic reception of our first Communicating Linguistics event, we are happy to announce we will have another one: this time with the internet's favorite linguist Gretchen McCulloch!

Gretchen is going to visit two MEDAL cities: Tartu and Nijmegen.

She will first come to Tartu to give a workshop on [Applying linguistic methods to linguistic communication](#) on **August 28th**. There will also be slots for one-on-one consultations.

Gretchen would also like to meet talented young researchers for inspiration for her podcast [Lingthusiasm](#), so she will also be coming to Nijmegen for one-on-one consultations on **September 2nd and 3rd**.

Register for the workshop [here](#) and reserve your spot for a meeting [here](#)!





4-day Masterclass: Bayesian regression with Natalia Levshina

We all love to learn about statistics! Following the overwhelming amount of interest for Petar Milin's class, the Statistics Masterclass returns with Natalia Levshina, author of the go-to handbook for anyone interested in doing linguistics with R: [How to do Linguistics with R](#).

Natalia will teach us all about the most sought-after statistical methodology around: Bayesian regression. The four-day masterclass will take place between the **21st and 24th of October** in **Tartu**, but will also some possibilities for online participation.

Get ready for some hands-on R-action and register for the masterclass [here!](#)

Sign language and child language for high schools



The new semester will not just have events for early-career researchers, but also for early early-career researchers! This semester we have two masterclasses in **Nijmegen** aimed at high school students: Gerardo Ortega (University of Birmingham) will give a class on iconicity in sign language. Renske Sakalis (Radboud University) will give a class on child language acquisition.



GoLD MEDAL at international conferences

GoLD MEDAL is MEDAL's research strand and we are travelling this summer! Several research projects will be presented at international conferences:

- *Redundancy in Language: Exploring the Dynamics of Person Encoding Across Language Families* at the [12th International Word Processing Conference](#) in Belgrade (presented by Justyna, Dagmar and Petar, pictured here)
- *The relationship between lexicon, morphology and syntax in English and Estonian* at the [16th International Congress for the Study of Child Language](#) in Prague
- *Redundancy in person marking: Subject pronoun expression in a cross-linguistic, multifactorial design* at the [57th Societas Linguistica Europaea Annual Meeting](#) in Helsinki



Read more about GoLD MEDAL's ongoing research projects [here](#)!

Upcoming Events Summer & Fall 2024

Multiple free hybrid workshops for the coming semester

August 28

[Communicating Linguistics II: Applying linguistic methods to linguistic communication](#)
with Gretchen McCulloch

September 25

Masterclasses for high school students in Nijmegen

[Talk to the hand](#) with Gerardo Ortega

[Knutselen met de bouwstenen van taal](#) (in Dutch) with Renske Sakalis

October 21-24

[Masterclass Statistics: Bayesian regression](#) with Natalia Levshina

November 20

[Soft skills: Responding to reviewers](#) with Dagmar Divjak

These activities are financed by the EU Horizon Europe Twinning project MEDAL (101079429) and UK Research and Innovation (101079429).

[See all events
here](#)



Apply for Mobility grants

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