

**Conference Program**  
**INTERFACE LEGIBILITY AT THE EDGE**  
**June 25-27, 2006**

Conference held under the patronage of  
*Professor Dr. Alexandra Cornilescu*  
Dean of the Faculty of Foreign Languages  
University of Bucharest

**Program**

**June 25, 2006 Location : University of Bucharest, Str. Edgar Quinet**

**8h00 - 8h30** Registration

**8h30 - 8h45** Opening remarks: Dr. Anna-Maria Di Sciullo

**8h45 - 9h00** Opening address: Dr. Alexandra Cornilescu

Session Chair: *Anna-Maria Di Sciullo (UQAM)*

**9h00 - 9h50** Invited speaker: Carmen Dobrovie-Sorin (CNRS)

*The Romanian Left Periphery*

**9h50 - 10h00 Break**

Session Chair: : *Mihaela Dogaru (U of Bucharest)*

**10h00 - 10h30**

Martine Coene (Univ. of Antwerp - CNTS & Univ. of Leiden - ULCL)

Steven Gillis (University of Antwerp - CNTS)

Paul Govaerts (Univ. of Antwerp - CNTS & Eargroup/Deurne-Antwerp)

*The fragile left edge of noun phrases in first language acquisition*

**10h30 - 11h00**

Ion Giurgea (University of Paris 8)

*Split DP Topicalization and the role of interfaces*

**11h00 - 11h30**

Tabea Ihsane (University of Geneva)

*On the edge of DP: the left periphery and the structure of arguments*

**11h30 - 13h00 LUNCH**

Session Chair: *Ileana Baciu (U of Bucharest)*

**13h00 - 13h30**

Theresa Biberauer (Cambridge University)

*Changes at the edge: tracking the rise of a canonical subject position in Germanic*

**13h30 - 14h00**

Marc Richards (University of Cambridge)

*On the (non)-interpretability of the edge: defectiveness, activeness and legibility*

**14h00 - 14h30**

Grete Dalmi (Eszterhazy College - Eger)

*What's on the edge of small clauses?*

**14h30 - 14h45 Break**

Session Chair: *Alexandra Cornilescu (U of Bucharest)*

**14h45 - 15h15**

Dana Isac (Concordia University)

*Polar explorations: Polarity, Focus and Force*

**15h15 - 15h45**

Patrick McConvell (AIATSIS - Canberra)

*Synchronic Move and diachronic reordering driven by switch-topic in Australian indigenous languages: interface illegibility as a motor of change*

**15h45 - 16h15**

Aritz Irurtzun (CNRS & University of Bordeaux)

*Complementizer choice, Focus movement, contrastivity and presuppositionality*

**16h15 - 16h30 Break**

Session Chair: *Anna-Maria Di Sciullo (UQAM)*

**16h30 - 17h20**

Invited speaker: Tim Stowell (UCLA)

*Parentheticals at the Edge: The syntax of parentheticals and phases*

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**June 26, 2006 Location : University of Bucharest, Str. Edgar Quinet**

Session Chair: *Ann-Maria Di Sciullo (UQAM)*

**9h00 - 9h50**

Invited speaker: Ian Roberts (Cambridge University)  
*Clitics, Phases and Incorporation*

**9h50 - 10h00 Break**

Session Chair: *Mihaela Pirvulescu (U of Toronto)*

**10h00 - 10h30**

Elena Soare (University of Paris 8)  
*PRO, predication and the nature of non-finite relatives in Romance*

**10h30 - 11h00**

Yves Roberge (University of Toronto)  
*Selection and the Interpretation of Null Objects*

**11h00 - 11h30**

Elisabeth van der Linden (Universiteit van Amsterdam) and  
Petra Sleeman (Universiteit van Amsterdam)  
*Clitic dislocation in 2L1 acquisition: cross-linguistic influence at the edge  
of phases*

**11h30 - 12h00**

Jose Camacho (Rutgers University)  
*On the asymmetry of root vs. embedded clauses. Evidence from Shipibo  
second-position clitics*

**12h00 - 14h00 LUNCH**

Session Chair: *Anna-Maria Di Sciullo (UQAM)*

**14h00 - 14h50**

Invited speaker: Alexandru Grosu (Tel Aviv University)  
*On the pre-theoretical notion "phrasal head": ignoring the left periphery is  
always at your own risk*

**14h50 - 15h00 Break**

Session Chair: *Camelia Constantinescu (U of Bucharest)*

**15h00 - 15h30**

Yves D'Hulst (Leiden University)  
*Compositional person features and antisymmetric speech acts*

**15h30 - 16h00**

Anna-Maria Di Sciullo (University of Quebec at Montreal)  
*Edges, heads, and truth value*

**16h00 - 16h30**

Nicola Munaro (University of Venice)  
*Looking for the atoms of the left periphery: on the interface legibility  
of interjections and particles*

**16h30 - 16h40 Break**

Session Chair: *Anna-Maria Di Sciullo (UQAM)*

**16h40 - 17h30**

Invited speaker: Margaret Speas (University of Massachusetts)  
*Generalized Functional Heads*

**19h00 Dinner**

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**June 27, 2006 Location : University of Bucharest, Str. Edgar Quinet**

Session Chair: *Anna-Maria Di Sciullo (UQAM)*

**9h00 - 9h50**

Invited speaker: Donka Farkas (University of California - Santa Cruz)

*Context Structure and Polarity Particles*

**9h50 - 10h00 Break**

Session Chair: *Larisa Avram (U of Bucharest)*

**10h00 - 10h30**

Gabriela Alboiu (York University)

*A-related Edge features*

**10h30 - 11h00**

Ayesha Kidwai (Jawaharlal Nehru University - New Delhi)

Rosmin Mathew (Jawaharlal Nehru University - New Delhi)

*Root and Embedded Left Peripheries: Evidence from Malayalam and Meiteilon*

**11h00 - 11h30**

Eric Mathieu (University of Ottawa)

*Edgy Stylistic Fronting*

**11h30 - 13h30 LUNCH**

Session Chair: *Anna-Maria Di Sciullo (UQAM)*

**13h30 - 14h20**

Invited Speaker: James Higginbotham (USC College)

*Joining Forces*

**14h20 - 14h30 Break**

Session Chair: *Virginia Hill (University of New Brunswick - Saint John)*

**14h30 - 15h00**

Nino Grillo (University of Siene & OTS)

Berit Gehrke (OTS)

*Results at the edge: an event-structure-based account of passivization*

**15h00 - 15h30**

Aniko Csirmaz (Carlton College - Northfield)

*Interface interactions - Aspect and Case*

**15h30 - 16h00**

Dana Isac and Charles Reiss (Concordia University)

*Against logophoric reflexives in picture NPs*

**16h00 : Closing remarks (information on excursion)**