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FRIDAY, MARCH 3 (BERNHARD CENTER – ROOM 157)

9.00 – 9.30  Registration

9.30 – 9.45  Welcome remarks & Anniversary speech
Mushira Eid, University of Utah

9.45 – 10.15  Lexical processing in two language varieties: An event-related brain potential study of Arabic native speakers
Reem Khamis-Dakwar & Karen Froud
Columbia University

10.15 – 10.45  The split-INFL hypothesis:
Findings from Arabic L2 learners
Mohammad Alhawary
University of Oklahoma

10.45 – 11.00  BREAK

11.00 – 11.30  A cognitive approach to analyzing demonstratives in Tunisian Arabic
Amel Khalfaoui
University of Minnesota

11.30 – 12.00  A prosodic feature that invites back-channels
in Egyptian Arabic
Nigel Ward & Yaffa Al Bayyari
University of Texas at El Paso

12.00 – 1.30  BREAK

1.30 – 2.00  Why there is no history of the Arabic language:
Part 1, the West
Jonathan Owens
University of Maryland

2.00 – 2.45  KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Devin Stewart
Emory University
Colorin Colorado, Cide Hamete Benegeli, and other puzzles: Recent research on the Arabic influence on Spanish

2.45 – 3.00  BREAK

3.00 – 3.45  KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Mushira Eid
University of Utah
Border crossings:
Variation and choice in literary and media Arabic

3.45 – 4.15  Arabic diglossic switching as sets of practices in the media
Naima Boussofara Omar
University of Kansas

4.15 – 4.30  BREAK

4.30 – 5.00  Covert language attitudes in contemporary Morocco
Brahim Chakrani
University of Illinois

5.00 – 5.30  Constructing linguistic and social identity in Casablanca:
The case of Fessi migrants
Atiqa Hachimi
University of Florida
SATURDAY, MARCH 4 (BERNHARD CENTER – ROOM 157)

9.00 – 9.30  The interaction between morphology and arity operations: Evidence from Standard Arabic  
Lior Laks  
Tel-Aviv University, Israel

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Frederick Hoyt  
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10.00 – 10.15  BREAK

10.15 – 10.45  Productivity of verb formation strategies in Maltese  
Alina Twist  
University of Arizona

10.45 – 11.30  KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
Jeffrey Heath  
University of Michigan  
Stretching ablaut: CCu, CCi, and CCa nouns in Moroccan Arabic

11.30 – 1.00  BREAK

1.00 – 1.30  Hypocoristics revisited: Challenging the centrality of the consonantal Root  
Samira Farwaneh  
University of Arizona

1.30 – 2.15  KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
Stuart Davis  
University of Indiana  
Issues in the phonology of ‘onset-dialects’ of Arabic

2.15 – 2.30  BREAK

2.30 – 3.00  The Verbal Particle Qad in Arabic: Is it a syntactic filler?  
Maher Bahloul  
American University of Sharjah, U.A.E

3.00 – 3.45  KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
Elabbas Bennamoun  
The Syntax of Arabic Verbs

3.45 – 4.15  Adnominal possession in Egyptian Arabic and the internal structure of DPs  
Usama Soltan  
University of Maryland

4.15 – 4.45  Reconstruction and islandhood in Jordanian Arabic  
Nicolas Guilliot & Nouman Malkawi  
University of Nantes, France

4.45 – 5.00  BREAK

5.00 – 5.30  A Link Grammar parser for Arabic  
Warren Casbeer, Jon Dehdari, & Deryle Lonsdale  
Brigham Young University

5.30 – 6.00  Using the Arabic tree bank for lexical semantics  
Neal Snider & Mona Diab  
Stanford University & Columbia University
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Columbia University |
| 9.30 – 10.15 | KEYNOTE ADDRESS                                                       | **Dilworth Parkinson**  
Brigham Young University  
ArCorpus.byu.edu: Making Arabic corpora available to students and researchers on the web |
| 10.15 – 10.45 | A new implementation practice in building linguistic concept-based IR systems. | **Hayder Al-Ameed, Shaikha Al-Ketbi, Amna Al-Kaabi, Khadija Al-Sheblu, Naila Al-Shamsi, Noura Al-Nuaimi, & Shikha Al-Muhairi**  
U.A.E University, U.A.E |
| 10.45 – 11.00 | BREAK                                                                |                                                                                                                                         |
| 11.00 – 11.45 | KEYNOTE ADDRESS                                                       | **Mona Diab**  
Columbia University  
Automatic Ambiguity resolution in MSA and dialectal Arabic |
| 11.45 – 12.15 | Implementing an Arabic Resource Grammar for GF                        | **Ali El Dada & Aarne Ranta**  
Göteborg University, Sweden |
| 12.15 – 1.00  | KEYNOTE ADDRESS                                                       | **Bushra Zawayde & Zina Saadi**  
Basis Technology, Cambridge MA |