"Arabic Linguistics Across Traditions"
April 9-11, 2010
AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center
The University of Texas at Austin

Preliminary Program

Friday April 9

9:00–10:30  
Negation

Chatar–Moumni Nizha, Université Paris Descartes
*Negative association in Moroccan Arabic*

Frederick Hoyt, University of Texas at Austin
*Negative Concord and SV in Two Dialects of Arabic*

Abbas Benmamoun, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign
*A Corpus Study of Negative Particles in Arabic Varieties*

10:30–11:00  
Break

11:00–12:00  
Keynote Address: "Arabic as a Semitic Language"
John Huehnergard, UT Austin

12:00–1:30  
Lunch Break

1:30–3:00  
Discourse analysis and Semantics

Keri Miller, University of Arizona
*The Paradox of the Term 'Democracy' in Arabic Discourse on Islamic Movements*

Ola Moshref, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign
*Grammatical Gender Assignment of English and French Loan Words in Egyptian Arabic*

Dana Abdulrahim & John Newman, University of Alberta
*How many ways to GO in Arabic? A corpus–based approach to determining polysemy and synonymy of the verbs ḏahaba, maḍā, rāḥa, and intalaqa*

3:00–3:15  
Break

3:15–4:15  
Computational Linguistics

Rania Alsabbagh, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign
*An Unsupervised Approach for the Automatic Detection and Resolution of Ambiguous Arabic PP Attachments*

David Schulz, Wisconsin Lutheran College
*Automatic Generation and Evaluation of Foreign Names in Arabic Script*

4:15 – 4:30  
Break

4:30 – 5:30  
Syntax II
Wassim Bekai, University of Nizwa, Oman
*Are Subject and Object Markers clitics or non–clitics in South Lebanese Arabic?*
Alexander Magidow, University of Texas – Austin
*Explaining Case–Marking in Spoken Formal Arabic*

**Saturday April 10**

9:00–10:30  **Sociolinguistics**

Uri Horesh, Franklin & Marshall College
*Generational variation among Palestinian women: An age grading hypothesis*

Atiqa Hachimi, University of Toronto
*Dialect change and the family in Morocco: The case of gender concord among three ethnolinguistic families in Casablanca*

Abdulkafi Albirini, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign
*Bi–dialectal Code–switching and the Origin of Arabic Varieties*

10:30–11:00  **Break**

11:00–12:00  **Keynote Address:** "Analyzing Variation in Arabic"
Enam Al–Wer, University of Essex

12:00–1:30  **Lunch Served Courtesy UT Graduate School**

1:30–2:30  **Phonology**

Mahasen Abu–Mansour, Umm Al–Qura University
*An optimality theoretic account of hypocoristic formation in Makkan Arabic*

Rawiah Kabrah, Umm Al–Qura University
*Opaque and transparent stress in Makkan Arabic*

2:30–2:45  **Break**

2:45–4:45  **Psycholinguistics and Language Acquisition**

Reem Khamis, Adelphi University & Karen Froud, Columbia University
*Neurocognitive investigations of codeswitching in Arabic Diglossia: breaking with tradition*

Khawla Aljenaie, Kuwait University & Abbas Benmamoun, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign
*The acquisition of Kuwaiti Arabic Questions: The Movement and In–Situ Strategies*

Rajaa Aquil, Georgia Institute of Technology & Scott Jackson, University of Maryland
*Internalizing Arabic phonotactic rules: Is it proficiency based?*

Marwa Ragheb & Davis Stuart, Indiana University
*The acquisition of word–final consonant clusters in Cairene Arabic: An OT analysis*

**Sunday April 11**

9:00 – 11:00  **Special Session:** Syntactic Approaches to VSO and SVO Word Order

Hamid Ouali, Chair
Mohammad Mohammad, UT Austin

Martin Walkow, University of Massachusetts at Amherst
*Subject Verb Agreement Asymmetries and the Distribution of Labor between Syntax and Morphology*
Peter Glanville, University of Texas – Austin

A Lexical Functional Grammar analysis of Arabic pronoun placement

End of Conference