

## **Information organisation in atypical narratives: The expression of affirmation and addition in Dutch, German, Italian, and French**

The affirmation as well as the addition of information to the common ground are default operations that often go unmarked. They require an explicit expression only under special circumstances, in particular in contrastive contexts. The talk presents attempts to elicit relevant production data in monologues and dialogues from speakers of Dutch, German, Italian, and French. Results from quantitative and qualitative analyses show that cross-linguistic differences on the level of syntax and prosody affect the type and frequency of markings. Beyond single utterances, these cross-linguistic differences have an impact on the preferred patterns of information organisation in discourse: Speakers of Germanic and Romance languages select different information components for local coherence marking. Speakers of Dutch and German prefer an assertion-oriented perspective answering underlying polar questions. Speakers of Italian and French opt for an entity-oriented perspective suggesting implicit WH-questions.