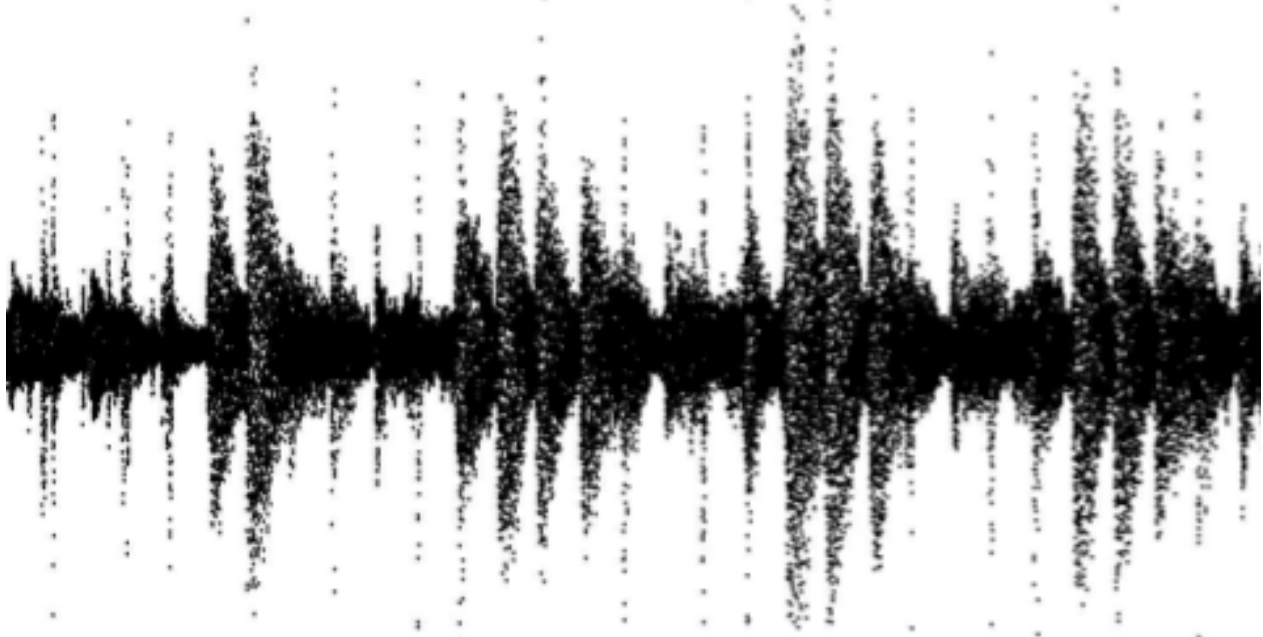




Institute of Cognitive Science (ICS)

Our next colloquium talk of 2012-2013:

Language Learning and the Sea of Sound



a talk given by **Dr. Stanka Fitneva**

Psychology, Queen's University. (<http://psyc.queensu.ca/~sflab/stanka.htm>)

this Thursday, April 4th from 12-1 pm

There will be light refreshments before the talk.

in room 2203 of Dunton Tower

Everyone is welcome.

Abstract:

Language learning is arguably one of the most complex developmental tasks. Children have to segment the speech stream, map sounds to concepts, syntactically categorize words, and determine what vocabulary and syntax is appropriate in different contexts. The complexity of each of these aspects of language learning and that most children still learn language quickly and effortlessly is puzzling and has given rise to arguments for innate biases that bootstrap language learning. The present talk will focus on the sea of sound in which language abilities develop and how this sea of sound may empirically scaffold learning and dispel some puzzles. Ironically, complexity may facilitate learning rather than interfere with it.

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