

## The Talking Brain

# Language & Communication Open Theme Meeting







The Language & Communication team (Theme 1) invites you to an open 3-day interactive event designed to promote collaboration and mutual learning across disciplines (e.g. linguistics, anatomy, genetics, neuroimaging, AI, electrophysiology). The days are sprinkled with **IGNITE sessions** to spark your curiosity, method **SkillsLabs** for mutual knowledge transfer, and **plenty of time** for discussions and working collaboratively on projects. We will have two socials: drinks at **Cultuurcafe** and a **Movie Night**.

You got an exciting idea but don't know how to make it happen methodologically? Are you running an analysis but are stuck? Then **pitch a project** and call on the collective knowledge in our hive. Projects and questions can evolve around the investigation of linguistics, the neurobiology of language based on non-invasive imaging methods (e.g. MRI, EEG, MEG, nTMS), genetics of language, the evolution of communication across species (e.g. monkeys, bats), the variability of brain features across healthy participants, and the insurgence of language pathologies.

Participants can bring their own dataset, pitch a project, ask for help, and recruit a team of collaborators on-site. This workshop integrates all levels of expertise and offers an opportunity to learn methods, develop skills, and actively collaborate with other participants.

Special incentive for brain-related projects: the projects developed/advanced during this event are invited to submit a manuscript to the Special Issue dedicated to the structure and function of 'Language System(s)' opening in Brain Structure and Function in 2023.

**Registration is free**, **but spaces are limited**. Please register by sending an email with the header [L&C Nijmegen] to <a href="mailto:stephanie.forkel@donders.ru.nl">stephanie.forkel@donders.ru.nl</a>. Please add your dietary requirements to the email.

Can't be there in person? Don't worry! We will do our best to live stream the sessions (Meeting ID: 895 8114 6322, Passcode: CNS) <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89581146322?pwd=QWp1a0ZqZ1I2bk9OUktDOVMrd3BKQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89581146322?pwd=QWp1a0ZqZ1I2bk9OUktDOVMrd3BKQT09</a>

Join the fun!

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#### Social pointers for (external) attendees

The city is full of nice bars, pubs, restaurants, and quirky hotels - just go for a wonder, and you will find something you like and a place to linger. Here are some of the organising team's favourites:

#### Accommodation

Sleep like a captain: <a href="https://www.opoesientje.nl/">https://www.opoesientje.nl/</a>
Stay in the heart of the city: <a href="https://lino-hotel.com/nl">https://lino-hotel.com/nl</a>

Quirky nights: <a href="https://www.in-credible.nl/">https://www.in-credible.nl/</a>

In the wild West: <a href="https://hotelnimma.nl/en/hotel-nimma-nijmegen-english/">https://hotelnimma.nl/en/hotel-nimma-nijmegen-english/</a>

In the middle of Nature: <a href="https://www.mooijbedenbreakfast.nl/">https://www.mooijbedenbreakfast.nl/</a>

### Drinks/food

Drink and eat like a captain: <a href="https://www.opoesientje.nl/">https://www.opoesientje.nl/</a> Cosy bar, Cafe Maxime: <a href="https://www.cafemaxim.nl/">https://www.cafemaxim.nl/</a> Choice of most beers, Cafe Jos: <a href="https://www.cafejos.nl/">https://www.cafejos.nl/</a> Cosy bar/restaurant, De Insutrie: <a href="https://deindustrie.nl/">https://deindustrie.nl/</a>

#### **Activities**

Not to be missed if you come earlier! **March 15th - 19th** is the InScience international film festival in Nijmegen: <a href="https://www.insciencefestival.nl/en/">https://www.insciencefestival.nl/en/</a>

https://www.intonijmegen.com/ontdek-nijmegen/old-city-young-vibe



Donders City lab: Remarkable science in the muZIEum

https://www.intonijmegen.com/blijf-op-de-hoogte/verhaal/het-donders-citylab-opzienbarende-wetenschap-in-het-muzieum

Go for a hike (16km): <a href="https://intothehike.com/n70/">https://intothehike.com/n70/</a>

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