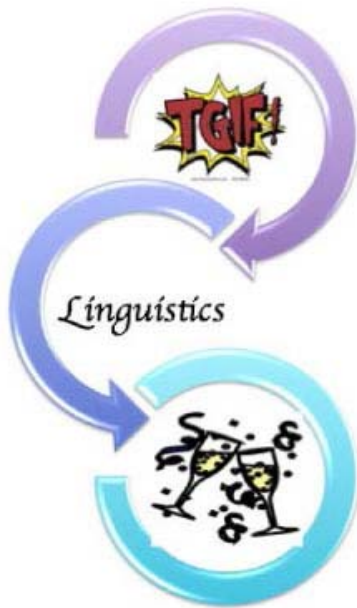


TGIF:

The NTU Linguist Chatroom

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Friday 24 April 2015, 2.30pm
@ HSS Seminar Room 3 (HSS-B1-10)



Speaker

Ng Bee Chin works mainly in the area of bilingualism and multilingualism with a focus on the impact of language contact on individuals and the community they live in. Her research approach is to explore both cognitive and social aspects of language acquisition and use. Currently, she is working on language identity, attitudes and use and language and emotion in multilinguals. She also works in the area of language as a source of intangible heritage with collaborators in art and design studies.

Feeling Double – A Heart Divided A study of language and emotion in bilinguals

The view that language mediates the world of emotion has been empirically validated and has been more accepted by the research community in the last two decades. Though the discussion of bilingual emotion is relatively new, there is sufficient evidence to point to bilinguals shifting their sociocultural views and expectations when the language they use changes. A bilingual's emotions can change depending on the language and culture they are exposed to. In this talk I will present the findings from my study of an emotion corpus in Mandarin Chinese as well as crosslinguistic comparison of four emotion domains (Anger, Guilt, Pride, Shame). Four groups were compared, Mandarin Chinese Monolinguals, English Monolinguals and Singaporean English-Chinese Bilinguals and Singaporean Chinese-English Bilinguals. The participants answered a questionnaire that was customized by researchers in the Swiss Center for Affective Sciences for six language groups internationally. The findings indicate strong language effects and despite fairly homogenous cultural experience, language use and exposure play a big role in shaping Singaporean bilinguals' use and understanding of emotion words.

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