



# TGIF 7 (Sem2, AY2017-18): The NTU Linguist Chat Room Seminars

**January 26 - Tan Ying Ying**

## **Doing Justice to and in Linguistics**

In this talk, I aim to offer some thoughts about how linguists, especially those of us working in and on Asia, can contribute meaningfully to the issue of linguistic justice, and how theorizing linguistic justice along linguistic lines can provide a new avenue for linguistics to move in a different direction.

**February 9 - Stefanie Stadler**

## **Humour in Japanese business communication**

According to Milner Davis (2006: 1) "humor in Japan is often thought of as uncommon, obscure [...], perhaps even nonexistent". My research, however, shows that humour is both pervasive and central to Japanese business communication. In this presentation, I explore how and why humour is employed in a Japanese business context.

**March 23 - Luca Onnis + Matthew Lou-Magnuson**

## **The Co-evolution of Social Structure and Language Structure**

What shape did language have 50,000 years ago? By simulating language evolution, we can begin to cast aside the shroud of time, and shed light on the answers to such questions. In this talk, we will give an overview of novel methods and primary results developed.

**April 6 - Francis Bond**

## **Explicit modelling of grammatical errors in learner English**

Computational grammars typically model the structure and meaning of grammatical utterances. I show how a grammar can be extended to model ungrammatical errors in such a way that we can predict the intended meaning and in many cases generate a grammatical equivalent. The talk is motivated by and illustrated with examples from the NTU Corpus of Learner Errors (NTUCLE) and is based on work done in collaboration with the Language and Communication Centre at NTU and the DELPH-IN consortium.

**April 13 - Ng Bee Chin + Francesco Cavallaro**

## **Age and the City - On grey armies, silver tsunamis and golden opportunities**

This talk presents results on empirical studies in aging cities. We take a critical look at perception and attitudes towards aging in Singapore and discuss the impact this has on our senior citizens right to age with dignity.

