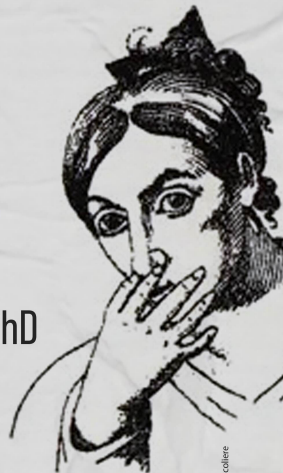


# Language and the Body

The Body as both Object  
and Tool of Linguistic Research



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Invited speaker

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**9:00-9:15**

*Introductory remarks*

**9:15.-10:00**

**Mandana Seyfeddinipur**  
“...and what do you think  
language is?”

**10:00-10:30**

**Soung-U Sebastian Kim  
& Lucien Brown**  
“The multimodality of Korean  
politeness metapragmatics”

**10:30-11:10**

**Thuy Hien Le, Elsie Marie Or  
& Antonia Soriente**  
“Politeness strategies  
and conventionalized  
gestures in Southeast Asia”

**11:10-11:30** | *Break*

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**11:30-12:00**

**Pierpaolo Di Carlo**  
“Documenting semiotic  
repertoires in the UNHCR  
camp of Minawao, Cameroon”

**12:00-12:30**

**Francesca Moro & Luigi Sausa**  
“Embodied multilingualism:  
Language portraits of Filipino  
heritage speakers in Italy”

**12:30-13:00**

**Lidia F. Mazzitelli**  
“Body and language  
in New Ireland (Papua  
New Guinea)”

**13:00-14:00** | *Discussion  
and closing remarks*

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