The MIC Distinguished Lecture Series

Multilingualism, Social Cognition, and Creativity

Monday, October 27, 2014, at 4 pm
Wang Center Theater

This talk explores the issue of how multilingual language users process social information and the potential impact of multilingualism on creativity. It reviews existing linguistic and psycholinguistic research on multilingualism and social cognition, and reports ongoing investigations that aim to understand the dynamics of multilingualism and the links with creative and critical thinking. Conceptual and methodological issues that emerge from this research and the implications for research design will also be discussed.

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