

# WCCFL 44

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# PROGRAM

## Instituto de Investigaciones Antropológicas, UNAM

May 6 – 8

### Day 1 / May 06, 2026

8:00 – 8:45	<b>Registration &amp; coffee</b> , Vestíbulo IIA	
8:45 – 9:00	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Auditorio Jaime Litvak King	
9:00 – 10:00	<b>Keynote 1</b> Fortis-lenis means nothing: deconstructing the “taxonomic artifacts” <b>Adela Covarrubias Acosta</b> Auditorio Jaime Litvak King <b>Chair: Karla Sandoval</b>	
10:00 – 10:25	<b>Coffee break</b> , Vestíbulo IIA	
<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	Salón Alfredo López Austin <b>Chair: Squid Tamar-Mattis</b>	Salón de Usos Múltiples <b>Chair: Maziar Toosarvandani</b>
10:30 – 11:00	Not all subjects are islands: Interacting factors in subject extractions in Spanish <b>Laura Stigliano, Marisol Murujosa,</b> <b>Matias Verdecchia</b>	“Denominal” Verbs without n: Evidence from Tonal Verbalizer in Nantou Hua <b>Yingyu Su</b>
<b>NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE DRILL</b>		
11:30 - 12:00	Defaults and Gaps: The Mystery of the Neuter in Lithuanian <b>Luke Adamson,</b> <b>Milena Šreikaitė</b>	Suppletion as inflection: insights from two endangered languages <b>Adam Singerman,</b> <b>Andrew Nevins, Susana Bejar,</b> <b>Maka Tetradze</b>
12:00 - 12:30	Negation with a pseudo-cleft structure in Kaqchikel <b>Sadira Lewis</b>	An Evolutionary Account of Vowel Syncope in Yine <b>Héctor González Álvarez</b>
12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch</b> , Jardín IIA	

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13:30 – 14:00	Pied-piping with inversion involves inversion <b>Colin Brown</b>	Japanese Free Choice Items at the Syntax–Semantics–Phonology Interface <b>Ken Hiraiwa and Kimiko Nakanishi</b>
14:00 – 14:30	Escape from Khalkha Mongolian adjuncts <b>Zhiyu Mia Gong, Maziar Toosarvandani</b>	On the composition of epistemic wh-indefinites: Chuj -xomlaj <b>Luis Alonso-Ovalle and Justin Royer</b>
14:30 – 15:00	If you can A-move, you must A-move: ordering of operations in [A/A'] probes <b>Magdalena Lohninger</b>	A Typological Divide of Wh-in-Situ: Existential Disclosure and Beyond <b>Hong-Yi Wang &amp; Tzong-Hong Jonah Lin</b>
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Coffee break</b> , Vestíbulo IIA	
<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	Salón Alfredo López Austin <b>Chair: Justin Royer</b>	Salón de Usos Múltiples <b>Chair: Blake Lehman</b>
15:30 – 16:00	Arguments for a biclausal analysis of the Martinican Creole progressive construction <b>Stéphane Térosier</b>	The Features of a Bishop: A New Approach to Gender in BCS <b>Maša Bešlin &amp; Ruth Kramer</b>
16:00 – 16:30	Case co-occurrence constraints are both syntactic and morphological: evidence from Tamang <b>Elise Kim</b>	Allomorphy and allosemy in Lithuanian P-prefixed zero-nominals <b>Veronika Gvozdovaitė</b>
16:30 – 17:00	¡Minimality sí, phases no! Evidence from COMP-trace and D-linking effects <b>Grant Goodall</b>	Reduplication Targets Stored Representations, Not Surface Forms: Evidence from Tone <b>Cassandra Caragine</b>

17:15 – 18:45

**Poster session 1**, Vestíbulo IIA

1. When demonstratives act like definites: The role of focus in Mandarin  
**Nianpo Su; Helena Aparicio**
2. A Unified Account of Japanese Mo: EVEN Across (Un)conditionals and Beyond  
**Kimiko Nakanishi**
3. Deep and Morphological Tenselessness: Evidence from Kanien'kéha Conditionals  
**Terrance Gatchalian and Katya Morgunova**
4. From existential to universal to negative- the Dagbani so  
**Adelaide Appiah Banafo**
5. Monopolar questions, bipolar questions, and uncommitted assertions  
**Yitong Luo, Yuyang Liu**
6. Approximating number pairs (ANPs) and what they tell us about numeral Phrases  
**Xuehuai He**
7. A Single Source Analysis of Comparatives and Superlatives in Japanese  
**Jun Tamura**
8. Deriving the two-ATOMS reading in Spanish Defective Adjectival Conjuncts (SDAC)  
**Mariana Itzel Calderón Corona**
9. When absolutive agreement fails: insights from Mam  
**Noah Elkins**
10. Classifier selection in the Cantonese-English bilingual variety and the role of little n  
**Pui Yee Yuen**
11. A-movement of non-nominals: Investigating Mandarin VP-fronting  
**Siming Liu; Zhuosi Luo**
12. An Agreement by Proxy approach to ergative displacement in Basque  
**Squid Tamar-Mattis**
13. Koasati verbs: subtractive morphology or overt event singularity?  
**Christine Gu**
14. Two English DON'Ts: Converging Evidence from Historical Syntax and Language Acquisition  
**Rachel Mangold & William Snyder**
15. A new type of foot: moraic-syllable trochees in Kanien'kéha  
**Simon LiVolsi**

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## Day 2, May 07, 2026

9:00 – 10:00	<b>Keynote 2</b> Universal Quantifiers in Chichahuaxtla Triqui <b>Fidel Hernández Mendoza</b> Auditorio Jaime Litvak King <b>Chair: Rafael Herrera</b>	
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Coffee break</b> , Vestíbulo IIA	
<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	Salón Alfredo López Austin <b>Chair: Norvin Richards</b>	Salón de Usos Múltiples <b>Chair: Ana Laura Arrieta</b>
10:30 – 11:00	Reconsidering Animacy Hierarchy Effects in Mayan: Experimental Evidence from Ch'ol <b>Jessica Coon, Stefan Keine, Juan Jesús Vázquez Álvarez, Michael Wagner</b>	What if and its kin <b>Michela Ippolito &amp; Anastasia Tsilia</b>
11:00 – 11:30	Movement and Intervention in the Spanish DP: Double Possessors as DP-internal Clitic Doubling <b>Aarón P. Sánchez</b>	Exclamatives - a discourse perspective <b>Dag Haug and Daniel Altshuler</b>
11:30 – 12:00	An inflectional analysis for optional plural marking <b>Carol Rose Little</b>	Openness requirements and conditional 'iffiness': evidence from Bangla jodi-conditionals <b>Auromita Mitra</b>
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch, Jardín IIA	
13:30 – 14:30	<b>Keynote 3</b> Internally-Headed Relative Clauses in Nuntajj̄yi: Structure, Interpretation, and Restrictions <b>Wendy Liz Arbey López Márquez</b> Auditorio Jaime Litvak King <b>Chair: Ana Aguilar</b>	

14:30 – 15:00	<b>Coffee Break</b> , Vestíbulo IIA	
<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	Aula Alfredo López Austin <b>Chair: Jessica Coon</b>	Salón de Usos Múltiples <b>Chair: Amy Rose Deal</b>
15:00 – 15:30	Limited Nominal Coordination in Igbo: Evidence for NumP Coordination <b>Erin Tirpak</b>	Deriving possessor ergative: An argument for Agree-based dependent case <b>Chase Boles</b>
15:30 – 16:00	What we talk about when we talk about Transfer <b>Roberta D'Alessandro, Joeri Vinke</b>	At-Issue Asymmetry and the Boundary between Linguistic and World Knowledge: Evidence from German Discourse Particles <b>Claudia Maienborn</b>
16:00 – 16:30	Long-distance agreement by proxy in Passamaquoddy <b>Norvin Richards</b>	Which 'hope' is a Neg-raiser? <b>Zahra Mirrazi, Ziling Zhu, Luisa Kalvelage, Hedde Zeijlstra</b>

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**Poster Session 2**, Vestíbulo IIA

1. A causal core to how/why alternations: evidence from Changsha Hua osi  
**Kate Yangshuying Zhou**
2. Understanding Kazakh Men: Comitatives Revisited  
**Nofar Rimon**
3. Quantized degrees and the syntax of inner aspect in Ktunaxa  
**Anne Bertrand**
4. Fake nouns: definite descriptions as minimal variables  
**Dorothy Ahn**
5. Beyond 'three': The internal syntax and semantics of complex numerical expressions in Polish  
**Marcin Wągiel**

6. Interrogative Flip revisited: evidential tense and speaker bias in Korean Long Negation Polar Questions  
**Hee Joong Choi**
7. Not on the same page: case of bəɾə in Marathi  
**Shaunak Phadnis**
8. The semantics of ky particle in Tundra Nenets  
**Ekaterina Vostrikova, Petr Kusliy**
9. Sequential probing in conjunct Agreement  
**Sonal Sinha and Gurujegan Murugesan**
10. High and low negation in Spanish stripping  
**Laura Stigliano & Carlos Muñoz Perez**
11. Wh-in-situ and scope positions: the case of wh-islands and D-linking in Cantonese  
**Hugo Pau, Grant Goodall**
12. Prominence, intervention, and attraction in Georgian agreement  
**Steven Foley, Jérémy Pasquereau, and Léa Nash**
13. Northern Vietnamese Negative Particle Questions: A Head-Movement Analysis  
**Quynh-Giang Dang**
14. Two-\*(cl) structures for the price of one-(cl) in spoken Persian  
**Yasaman Sanei & Gautam Ottur**
15. Adjectival agreement is interpretable: Evidence from summative agreement in Mexican Spanish and Brazilian Portuguese  
**Anna Carolina Almeida, Raimundo Cox-Casals, and Michael Wagner**
16. Prosodic inversion in Nuntaj̣ịyi relative clauses  
**Wendy L. A. López Márquez, and Peter S. E. Jenks**

## Day 3 / May 08, 2026

9:00 – 10:00	<b>Keynote 4</b> Can I get a witness? A multidimensional account of <i>else</i> in English <b>Jesse Harris</b> Auditorio Jaime Litvak King <b>Chair: Renato García</b>	
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Coffee break</b> , Vestíbulo IIA	
	<b>Parallel Sessions</b> Salón Alfredo López Austin <b>Chair: Raiane Oliveira Salles</b>	Salón de Usos Múltiples <b>Chair: Mariana Calderón</b>
10:30 – 11:00	PCC without weakness: ditransitives in Atchan and beyond <b>Amy Rose Deal, Rebecca Jarvis</b>	On the (non-) vacuity of the Russian participial present <b>Sam Alxatib &amp; Alexander Podobryaev</b>
11:00 – 11:30	Reflexive and impersonal voice in Spanish: A smuggling approach <b>John David Storment, Francisco Ordóñez</b>	‘When’ equates topic times and never accesses event times <b>Dmitry Privoznov</b>
11:30 – 12:00	Sisterhood as a licensing configuration <b>Zeljko Boskovic</b>	Degree preverbs in Kazym Khanty and Ingush <b>Philip Shushurin, Anna Kulikova</b>

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**Poster Session**, Vestíbulo IIA

1. Bare nouns in Magahi: quasi-names or anti-uniqueness?  
**Aidan Sharma, Jiayuan Chen**
2. The discourse-sensitive meaning of English ‘already’ and its Paraguayan Guaraní counterpart  
**Emily Knick, Juan Pablo Calvo Huerta, Roumyana Pancheva**
3. A new type of conjectural question: Será in Brazilian Portuguese and Mexican Spanish  
**Ana Laura Arrieta Zamudio, Lisa Matthewson, Raiane Oliveira Salles**

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4. Light attitudes, heavy complements: evidence from Äiwoo  
**Roversi, Giovanni and Mendes, Jéssica**
5. A syntactic treatment of (non) SOT respecting the form meaning correspondence  
**Awaihara Kigawa, Yoshie & García-Barragán Córdova, Rosa Junia**
6. Shifting Identity: the Interaction of phi-features, Honorification and Indexical shift  
**Tamari Berulava**
7. Reflexive Binding in Mandarin Fragment Answers  
**Ying Zhang, Shannon Bryant**
8. Tone sandhi as allomorphy with floating tones in Avatime  
**Blake Lehman**
9. Logophoricity and Phase Theory: A View from Japanese  
**Ryoto Hosokawa**
10. Nominative Case can be assigned by C: on case marking in Khoekhoe  
**Philip Shushurin**

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## Closing remarks

Auditorio Jaime Litvak King



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