

15.30 – 16.00

Carol Padden: *Studies of Sign Language Lexicons*

This course examines properties of sign language “words,” and how they emerge in a new sign language. Our research group has been studying two new sign languages, one in southern Israel and another in Turkey. We have found interesting similarities and differences across these new languages. This course provides training in basic ideas about words in natural languages, and specifically in sign languages. What constitutes a word? When do words emerge in a new sign language? How are properties of words in new languages different from languages of seven or more generations of signers?