

## ViCom Project Workshop

# Dimensions of Iconicity in the Visual Modality



February 13-14, 2025  
University of Göttingen  
Emmy-Noether -Saal, Alte Mensa  
Wilhelmsplatz 3, 37073 Göttingen

## Feb.12

**19: 00**      **Warming up Dinner**  
**L'Osteria** (Kurze-Geismar-Straße 9, 37073 Göttingen)

## Feb.13

**09:30-10:00**    **Registration**

**10:00-10:15**    **Opening**

### Session 1

Chair: Silva Ladewig, Sebastian Walter

**10:15-11:00**    **[Invited Presentation] Gerardo Ortega**  
**Bodily actions as starting point. Evidence from sign and gesture.**

**11:00-11:30**    **Door Spruijt, Šárka Kadavá:**  
Obvious, but only in context: An exploration of meaning making in the visual modality

**11:30-12:00**    **Katie Mudd, Marieke Schouwstra:**  
Iconicity mediates the relationship between shared context and lexical variation

**12:00-12:30**    Domitille Caillat, **Mickaëlla Grondin Verdon**, Slim Ouni:  
Iconic Co-verbal Gestures: Study of Some Facets of Iconicity

**12:30-14:00**    **Group Photo + Lunch Break**

### Session 2

Chair: Alina Gregori

**14:00-14:30**    **Lennart Fritzsche, Sebastian Walter:**  
A demonstrational analysis of modified pro-speech gestures

**14:30-15:00**    **Daiya Kuryu:**  
Diagrammatic iconicity operating in two different motivations for the same kinetic pattern: The case of Two-Handed-Alternation-Sagittal (2HAS) gesture

**15:00-15:30**    Lorraine Leeson, **Terry Janzen**, Barbara Shaffer:  
Conceptual structure and iconic gestures in simultaneous interpreting

**15:30-16:30**    **Coffee + Poster Session**

### Session 3

Chair: Door Spruijt

**16:30-17:00**    Alina Gregori, **Marta Herget, Paul Koenig:**  
Iconicity in autological words and other self-denoting structures

**17:00-17:30**    **Katja Jasinskaja:**  
Iconic representation of duration in narrative discourse

**17:30-18:00**    **Kurt Erbach**, Cornelia Ebert, Magnus Poppe:  
Binding presuppositions to iconic gestures

**19:00**            **Conference Dinner**  
**Chay Vegan Kitchen** (Goethe-Allee 4A, 37073 Göttingen)

## Feb.14

### Session 4

Chair: Patrick Trettenbrein

- 09:00-09:45 **[Invited Presentation] Simon Kollien**  
**Constructed Action and Constructed Dialogue from the teachers perspective. A didactic look at the CA/CD-typology.**
- 09:45-10:15 **Cornelia Loos:**  
Encoding temporal simultaneity of events in classifier constructions: Investigating the limits of iconic representation in German Sign Language (DGS)
- 10:15-10:45 **Pia Gehlbach**, Thomas Finkbeiner, Nina-Kristin Meister, Markus Steinbach:  
Patterned Iconicity in German Sign Language (DGS) - Iconic Strategies across 13 Semantic Categories

**10:45-11:15 Coffee**

### Session 5

Chair: Thomas Finkbeiner

- 11:15-11:45 Gaurav Mathur, **Christian Rathmann:**  
Stabilizing the impact of iconicity on morphological processes in signed languages
- 11:45-12:15 Hannah Lutzenberger, **Neil Fox**, Heidi Proctor, Josefina Safar, Matt Brown, **Adam Schembri:**  
Seeing signs of morphology: How iconic are grammatical form-meaning relations in British Sign Language for hearing non-signers?
- 12:15-12:45 **Annika Schiefner**, Beyza Sümer, Floris Roelofsen:  
Iconic but not transparent: intricate relationship between iconicity and transparency in Sign Language of the Netherlands

**12:45-14:00 Lunch Break**

### Session 6

Chair: Cornelia Loos

- 14:00-14:30 **Vanessa Wing Yan Tsang**, Pamela Perniss:  
The perception of iconicity in compound signs of Hong Kong Sign Language
- 14:30-15:00 **Christian Rathmann**, Ronice Quadros, Donna Jo Napoli:  
Iconic Shadows
- 15:00-15:30 **Hadrien Cousin:**  
Iconicity and reference across modalities: depicting referents in French Belgian Sign Language (LSFB) and in Belgian French

**15:30-15:45 Closing**

**15:45 Coffee and farewell**

## Poster presentations:

- Maria Flaksman, Yulia Sedelkina, Yulia Lavitskaya, Liubov Tkacheva:  
Visual Perception of Sound-imitative Words at Different De-iconization Stages in Synthetic and Analytic Languages by Lexical Decision Task
- Alejandro Fojo, Roberto Aguirre, María Noel Macedo, Mauricio Castillo:  
Distribution of spaces axis in the LSU time lexicon
- Anna Marklová, Jiří Milička, Leonid Ryvkin, Ludmila Bennet, Libuše Kormaníková:  
Large language models' ability to generate iconic pseudowords
- Josiah Nii Ashie Neequaye, Kim Kaul, Markus Steinbach, Cornelia Ebert:  
Multimodal iconicity - ideophones and co-speech gestures in Ga and German.
- Natasha Janzen Ulbricht:  
'The mouse pulls on the elephant trunk and coins start to fly in the hat.' An empirical gesture study on L2 grammatical morpheme learning in middle childhood



**Conference Interpreters (DGS-English):**  
Kathleen Bieling, Julia Ruf, Jasmin Schmitt



**Organizing Committee:**  
Mailin Antomo, Yuqiu Chen, Thomas Finkbeiner,  
Silva Ladewig, Nina-Kristin Meister,  
Markus Steinbach, Patrick C. Trettenbrein

### **Participating ViCom-Projects:**

**Lying, Deceiving and Misleading: Are we committed to our Gestures?  
Processes of Stabilization in Gestures. A Media-specific and Cross-modal Approach  
Parts of Speech and Iconicity in DGS**

### **Student Assistants:**

**Elias Duddey, Kim Kaul, Ida Kopitzke, Désirée Stoll**

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