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Departmental Seminar

The Developing Grammar: Milestones in the development of Cantonese and Mandarin

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Time

10:15 am – 11:45 am

Venue

Zoom

(Details will be provided on 2 February 2021)

Abstract

The developmental track of early language acquisition is a topic of great interest to scholars of many fields. Milestones in this developmental track are critical, both for understanding the general process of acquiring human language, as well as assessing children with disorders. In this talk I share my efforts in developing milestones for the acquisition of Mandarin and Cantonese. I use the curious case of the acquisition of the passive voice to show that the developmental milestones for Mandarin diverge from those of Cantonese, and discuss the implications of this divergence for educators.

About the speaker

Elaine Lau is currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Centre for University & School Partnership of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She received her PhD in Linguistics at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. With a background in Cognitive Science and her love for children and languages, she specializes in developmental psycholinguistics, exploring how young children exploit different kinds of linguistic information in language processing and throughout their language development.

Her current projects involve cross-linguistic comparisons of the Chinese languages with other languages in the acquisition of syntax, the use of linguistic and cognitive cues in online predictive processing, and the development of comprehensive assessment tools for Chinese in child language development.



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