Merge: the derivation of structure and order

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Academy Building (Broerstraat 5), Zernikezaal

09:45 welcome; 10:00 opening

10:10-10:50   Jordi Fortuny (University of Groningen), The nesting machine

10:50-11:30   Jan-Wouter Zwart (University of Groningen), Prospects for top-down derivation

11:30-12:10   Cristiano Chesi (University of Siena), Minimalist merge, destructive feature-checking, and sequential unification

12:10-14:00 lunch break

14:00-14:40   Ian Roberts (University of Cambridge), A phase-based approach to the cross-linguistic distribution of "mixed" word-order types

14:40-15:20   Ángel Gallego (Universitat Autónoma de Barcelona/ University of Cambridge), Label-free bare phrase structure

15:20-16:00   Aritz Irurtzun (University of the Basque Country), Merge and asymmetric structure building

16:00-16:20 break

16:20-17:00   Barbara Citko (University of Washington), Symmetry in syntax? Symmetric merge and symmetric move

17:00-17:40   Robert Truswell (Tufts University), Order but no structure in Bonobo English

17:40 closing

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