The PI group “Language and Speech, Learning and Therapy”
presents in the CLS Colloquium Series:
Language and speech: learning, therapy, and underlying processes
by Helmer Strik and others

Research within the PI group LS–LT encompasses two domains: a) second language learning and processing and b) language and speech therapy. These two domains have in common that they need to ground learning and therapy on both theoretical insights and empirical practice, and that they intend to exploit the opportunities offered by language and speech technology to test theoretical concepts and generate new research questions. The aim of our research is to increase our understanding by addressing not only the results of learning and therapy, but also the underlying processes. These can be monitored and examined through the technology developed in our projects.

In this talk we present a selection of recent studies that address different topics in the domain of language learning and processing:

- the role of word onset and offset in word recognition by non-native listeners in clean and noisy conditions;
- how non-native listeners use their L2 knowledge to retune L2 phonetic categories;
- the impact of the native language on Dutch vowel production by L2 learners with a Spanish background;
- how learning software and recorded log-files can be used to study the effect of corrective feedback and motivation on L2 learning.

Thursday, January 22th 2015, 16:00h (sharp)
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