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## **CYCL1A Workshop on the Acquisition of Clitics**

Clitic constructions have received a lot of attention over the past twenty years in research on language acquisition and development. Both the comprehension and production of clitics have been studied in a variety of languages, for children and adults alike, and in different acquisition contexts (L1, L2, bi-/multilingual, impaired).

The research project "L1 Acquisition of Cypriot Greek Pronominal Clitics" (ΠΕΝΕΚ 0609/42), funded by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation, is organizing an international *Workshop on the Acquisition of Clitics* at the University of Cyprus aiming to bring together researchers working on clitic acquisition. The discussion will revolve around new findings on the acquisition and development of pronominal clitics in different languages regarding clitic production and/or comprehension as well as current theoretical approaches to cliticization in the light of developmental data.

There will also be a special session on the acquisition and development of pronominal clitic placement in mixed clitic languages, with emphasis on enclitic languages where proclisis is triggered by certain grammatical properties. These include European Portuguese and Cypriot Greek, from both language-internal (properties of EP or CG) and comparative perspectives (within the Romance language family and compared to Standard Modern Greek, respectively), but submissions are encouraged to go beyond these two varieties.

The workshop welcomes papers for oral and poster presentations on topics related to the development of clitics in the fields of (a)typical and impaired, first, second, and multilingual language acquisition. Oral presentations should be no longer than 20 minutes, leaving 10 minutes for questions and discussion.

Invited speakers: **João Costa (CLUNL/FCSH/Universidade Nova de Lisboa)**  
**Maria Lobo (CLUNL/FCSH/Universidade Nova de Lisboa)**  
**Teresa Parodi (University of Cambridge)**  
**Ianthi Tsimpli (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)**

Organizers: Kleanthes K. Grohmann (University of Cyprus)  
Theoni Neokleous (University of Cambridge & University of Cyprus)  
Cyprus Acquisition Team (<http://www.research.biolinguistics.eu/CAT>)

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## ***Workshop on the Acquisition of Clitics***

Royiatiko Hotel, Old Town, Nicosia

25–26 May 2012

<i>Friday</i>		<i>25 May 2012</i>
<b>09:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>REGISTRATION AND OPENING</b>	
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<u>Plenary Speaker:</u> <b>Teresa Parodi</b> (University of Cambridge) <i>Clitic Placement in L2 Serbo-Croatian as a Feature Learning Challenge</i>	
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	<b>Katerina Palasis</b> (UMR 7320 CNRS & Université de Nice) <i>Clitics in Early L1 French: Their Morpho-Syntactic Status and the Oral vs. Standard French Dichotomy</i>	
<b>12:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Enkeleida Kapia</b> (U of Hamburg & Center for Albanian Studies) <i>Acquisition of Dative and Accusative Clitic Doubling in Albanian: a Syntactic-Pragmatic Approach</i>	
<b>12:30 – 13:00</b>	<b>Marta Maria Tryzna</b> (Gulf University for Science and Technology) <i>L1 Acquisition of Object Clitics in Child Polish: Evidence for Three Developmental Stages</i>	
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
<b><i>Special Session: Mixed Clitic Placement</i></b>		
<b>14:30 – 15:30</b>	<u>Plenary Speakers:</u> <b>Maria Lobo &amp; João Costa</b> (Universidade Nova de Lisboa) <i>Acquisition of Clitic Placement in European Portuguese</i>	
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Theoni Neokleous</b> (University of Cambridge) <i>L1 Acquisition of Clitic Placement in Cypriot Greek</i>	
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	<b>Eleni Theodorou &amp; Kleanthes K. Grohmann</b> (U of Cyprus) <i>Object Clitics in Cypriot Greek Children with SLI</i>	
<b>16:30 – 17:00</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>17:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>Sviatlana Karpava &amp; Kleanthes K. Grohmann</b> (U of Cyprus) <i>Bilingual Acquisition of Object Clitic Placement in Cypriot Greek: A Comparative Study from Russian–Cypriot Greek Speakers</i>	
<b>17:30 – 18:00</b>	<b>Elena Papadopoulou<sup>1,3</sup>, Evelina Leivada<sup>2,3</sup>, and Natalia Pavlou<sup>3</sup></b> ( <sup>1</sup> U of Essex, <sup>2</sup> Univ. de Barcelona, <sup>3</sup> Cyprus Acquisition Team) <i>Clitic Placement in Cypriot Greek: A Matter of Lexical and Syntactic Stimulation?</i>	
<b>18:00 – 18:30</b>	<b>Kleanthes K. Grohmann</b> (University of Cyprus) <i>CAT Research on Object Clitic Placement: Where We Are Now</i>	

POSTERS WILL BE DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT THE WORKSHOP

Saturday		26 May 2012
10:00 – 11:00	<u>Plenary Speakers:</u> <b>João Costa &amp; Maria Lobo</b> (Universidade Nova de Lisboa) <i>Acquisition of Clitics: A Non-Uniform Process</i>	
11:00 – 11:30	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Larisa Avram<sup>1</sup>, Martine Coene<sup>2</sup>, and Anca Sevcenco<sup>1</sup></b> ( <sup>1</sup> University of Bucharest, <sup>2</sup> Free University Amsterdam) <i>Theoretical Implications of Children's Early Production of Object Clitics</i>	
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Valentina Brunetto</b> (University of Leeds) <i>The Pronoun Interpretation Problem in Romance Complex Predicates</i>	
12:30 – 13:00	<b>Arhonto Terzi<sup>1</sup>, Theodoros Marinis<sup>2</sup>, Konstantinos Francis<sup>3</sup>, and Angeliki Kotsopoulou<sup>1</sup></b> ( <sup>1</sup> Technological Educational Institute of Patras, <sup>2</sup> University of Reading, <sup>3</sup> University of Athens) <i>Do Autistic Children's Problems with Binding of Clitics Reflect Problems with Case?</i>	
13:00 – 14:30	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
14:30 – 15:00	<b>Megan Devlin, Raffaella Folli, Alison Henry, and Christina Sevdali</b> (University of Ulster) <i>Clitic Right Dislocation in the Absence of Clitics: A Case Study in Trilingual Acquisition</i>	
15:00 – 16:00	<u>Plenary Speaker:</u> <b>Ianthi Maria Tsimpli</b> (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) <i>Clitic Drop, Null Objects and Markedness</i>	
16:00 – 16:30	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
16:30 – 17:30	<u>Speakers and Participants:</u> <b>Roundtable Discussion</b>	
17:30 – 20:00	<b>RELAXATION AND/OR DRINKS</b>	
20:00 – ...	<b>OFFICIAL WORKSHOP DINNER</b>	

**NOTE:**

The hotel is in the old town of Nicosia, with lots of bars, cafes, and restaurants around — easy to have a decent lunch nearby or drinks after the talks. As for evening meals...

We will get together for a **pre-workshop dinner on Thursday** evening. This will probably take place at **Loxandra**, a local Greek restaurant in easy walking distance from the hotel. If you're interested in joining us, please get in touch with Kleanthes ([kleanthi@ucy.ac.cy](mailto:kleanthi@ucy.ac.cy)).

In addition, everyone is welcome to join us all for **dinner on Friday** night. This will probably take place at **Fanous**, a local Lebanese restaurant in easy walking distance from the hotel. If you're interested in joining us, please get in touch with Kleanthes ([kleanthi@ucy.ac.cy](mailto:kleanthi@ucy.ac.cy)).

The **official workshop dinner will take place on Saturday** evening, once everything is over. ☺ This will definitely take place at **Palia Plateia**, an excellent Cypriot taverna — not in easy walking distance from the hotel. We will organize transportation. If you're interested in joining us, please get in touch with Kleanthes ([kleanthi@ucy.ac.cy](mailto:kleanthi@ucy.ac.cy)).

**Please also tell us whether you have any dietary restrictions or preferences!**