

Call for Papers

Spatial Cognition and Computation

Special Issue: First and Second Language Acquisition of Spatial Language

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Spatial language, such as asking directions for places in large scale space, or asking where a misplaced object is in small scale space, constitutes part of the basic fabric of language. Research into spatial language has recently been a hotbed of activity, including much work showing that languages vary greatly in how they carve up space. Furthermore, it is often noted by researchers and practitioners in second language learning that spatial language - and spatial adpositions in particular - present a particular challenge for the second language learner.

The focus of this special issue will be to bring together work on first language acquisition and second language acquisition of spatial language for the first time with a view to characterizing the processes and constraints that affect the acquisition of language in this important domain.

Submitted papers will be refereed to the usual standards of the journal. Instructions for submitting manuscripts can be found on the journal's website: <http://www.sis.pitt.edu/~scc/>. Submissions will be handled through the on-line submission system, Manuscript Central, and should not exceed 6000 words.

The deadline for submissions is the 1st of July, 2009.