International workshop on Wanting, Wishing, Desiring

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► The language of the workshop is English ◀

Morning session

Chair: Eve Bernier-Rock (University of Strasbourg, France)

09:00 **♦** Opening

09:30 ♦ Plenary

Desiderative want: grammatical person, complementation, pragmatic and discursive conditions

Catherine Paulin (University of Strasbourg, France)

10:30 ♦ Coffee break

10:45 ♦ Communication

There's still hope

Hedde Zeijlstra (University of Goettingen, Germany), Manfred Sailer (University of Frankfurt, Germany) & Zahra Mirrazi (University of Goettingen, Germany)

11:20 ♦ Communication

I want you to VP and I need you to VP: The grammar and discourse of two directive constructions in English

Hidemitsu Takahashi (Hokkaido University, Japan)

11:55 ♦ Communication

Conditional features and 'wish'-interpretations of emotive factives: New data from German, Italian and Spanish

Frank Sode (Humboldt-University, Berlin, Germany), Laura Merino Hernández (Humboldt-University, Berlin, Germany) & Fabio Del Prete (University of Toulouse, France)

12:30 ♦ Lunch break

Afternoon session

Chair: Julia Martin (University of Strasbourg, France)

14:00 ♦ Plenary

Doing things intentionally: a causal theory

Tadeg Quillien (University of Edinburgh)

15:15 ♦ Break

15:30 ♦ Communication

Wanting and not wanting: PPIs as windows into the ambiguity of want

Julie Goncharov (University of Goettingen, Germany) & Thomas Weskott (University of Goettingen, Germany)

16:10 ♦ Communication

Want is no longer existential

Zahra Mirrazi (University of Goettingen, Germany), Manfred Sailer (University of Frankfurt, Germany) & Hedde Zeijlstra (University of Goettingen, Germany)

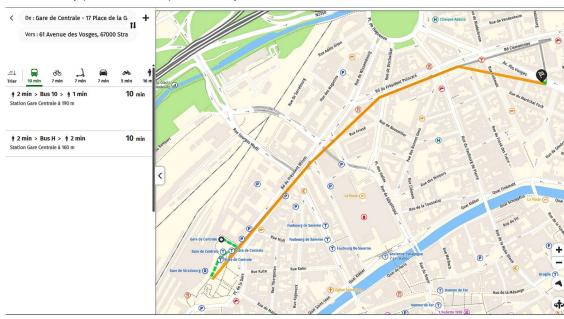
17:00 ♦ Conclusion

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Access to the Villa Brunner, 61 avenue des Vosges. Bus route (line 10 or line H) indicated on the map (about 10 minutes). Alternatively, it is a 15-20-minute walk from the train station.



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