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## GLOW Renewal Notice

Renewal is for the calendar year 2015, taking effect with the Spring issue of the GLOW Newsletter. Payment should reach us by January 1, 2015, especially if you intend to attend the annual GLOW Colloquium in April. GLOW is continuing to offer four-year student memberships for €30. This is an incredibly good deal, so please encourage eligible people to take advantage of it. We also offer 5- and 10-year memberships at reduced prices.

### Membership dues

The current membership dues, as agreed at the Amsterdam General Assembly, are:

Student/Unemployed:	€ 11.50
Student (4 year)	€ 30 (a once-per-lifetime deal)
Regular (1 year)	€ 25
Regular (5 year)	€ 110
Regular (10 year)	€ 200
Regular (life)	€ 400

### Modes of Payment:

- By Credit Card (Eurocard/MasterCard/Access/CarteBancaire/Visa);
- By remittance to:
  - Dutch Postal Account #91.44.68;
  - Bank Account no. 43.97.10.340, ABN-AMRO Bank, Tilburg, NL

Whichever mode of payment you choose, please mail the completed membership form (available from the [GLOW website](#)) to the GLOW Bureau at the address in Utrecht (on p.1 above). If you pay by credit card, you can also fax the form to +31 30 253 64 06.

N.B.: If you wish to benefit from the GLOW membership discount for *The Linguistic Review*, and/or for certain books published by Mouton de Gruyter, please follow the instructions on the order form (you now send the order directly to the publisher, Mouton, and not to GLOW).

# GLOW XXXVIII (2015)

## Generative Linguistics in the Old World 38

The 38th GLOW Conference and annual meeting will take place in Paris from the 15th to the 18th of April 2015. It will be hosted by the lab Structures Formelles du Langage (University of Paris 8 and CNRS) and co-organized with the University of Paris Diderot, Institut Jean Nicod, and INALCO. It will consist of the following events:

- (a) the Main Colloquium from Wednesday 15th April to Friday 17th April 2015;
- (b) a phonology workshop on Saturday 18th April 2015:  
*The implications of computation and learnability for phonological theory;*
- (c) a semantics workshop on Saturday 18th April 2015:  
*States and events*

## Main Colloquium

April 15–17, 2015

**THEME: FREE**

**Website:** <https://sites.google.com/site/2015glow/home>

**Contact person:** Isabelle Roy

**Meeting e-mail:** [38thglow2015@gmail.com](mailto:38thglow2015@gmail.com)

### Key dates:

Abstract submission deadline: December 1, 2014

Notification to authors: February 15, 2015

Conference: April 15-17, 2015

The Main Colloquium of GLOW 38 welcomes abstracts on any topic or subfield of generative linguistics, including (but not limited to) phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics. Presentations will be 45 minutes long plus 15 minutes of discussion.

## Submission Guidelines

**Submission procedure:** All abstracts – including abstracts for the two workshops – must be submitted online through *EasyChair*:

<https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=glow38>

The abstract deadline is **December 1, 2014**.

Notifications of acceptance/rejection will be sent out on February 15, 2015.

**Format:** All abstracts submitted for GLOW 38 – for the Main Colloquium and workshops alike – should adhere strictly to the following guidelines:

- Abstracts must not exceed two A4 pages in length (including data and references), have one inch (2.5 cm) margins on all sides, be set in Times New Roman with a font size no smaller than 12pt, and single line spacing.
- Examples must be integrated into the text of the abstract, rather than collected at the end.
- Nothing in the abstract, the title, or the name of the document should identify the author(s).
- At most two submissions per author, at most one of which can be single-authored. The same abstract may not be submitted to both the Main Colloquium and a workshop.
- Only submissions in **pdf** format will be accepted.
- Abstracts are to be submitted via the GLOW 38 *EasyChair* page: <https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=glow38>.

### **Important note: Named abstracts and the Spring Newsletter**

Abstracts should be anonymous in the first instance. If your paper is accepted for presentation at GLOW 38, you will be required to submit a non-anonymous version of your abstract (with name and affiliation) for publication in the Spring Newsletter. Please therefore make sure that you send the named version of your abstract to the conference organizers as soon as you receive word of your acceptance.

**It is particularly important for publication/distribution purposes that all non-standard (non-open source) fonts in the named version of accepted abstracts be either properly embedded into the pdf file or else avoided altogether.**

# GLOW 2015 Phonology Workshop

April 18, 2015

## THE IMPLICATIONS OF COMPUTATION AND LEARNABILITY FOR PHONOLOGICAL THEORY

**Organizers:** Giorgio Magri  
Michela Russo  
Mohamed Lahrouchi  
Joaquim Brandao de Carvalho

**Invited speakers:** TBA

**Deadline for abstracts:** December 1, 2014

**Website for submissions:** <https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=glow38>

**Notification of acceptance:** February 15, 2015

**Workshop date:** April 18, 2015

**Description of theme:** Crystallizing a widespread feeling, Mark van Oostendorp recently writes: "It is fair to say that we know much more about sound patterns in human language than people did at the beginning of the 20th Century. At the same time, many phonologists seem to feel that we have not yet reached the standards of some of the 'hard' sciences." A clear obstacle to progress seems to be the fact that competing phonological theories are underdetermined by sheer typological and linguistic data. Moving beyond descriptive adequacy, Alan Prince thus proposes that "rational arguments about two theories' comparative success [...] depend on a broad assessment of their properties." Among the formal properties of a phonological theory which are becoming crucial for its comparative assessment are its computability and learnability properties.

This workshop thus aims at investigating the implications of computation and learnability for phonological theory. The issues addressed include (but are not limited to): the computability/intractability of phonological grammars and the debate among derivational, representational, and constraint-based frameworks; learnability guarantees and the debate between competing modes of constraint interaction; the characterization of phonological patterns within the sub-regular hierarchy and the expressive power of phonological formalisms; the learnability filter and its implications for the evaluation of the typologies predicted by competing phonological theories; methods for constraint induction and the problem of grounding phonology into phonetics; the impact of statistical methods and the divide between categorical and gradient models of phonological competence; the learnability of phonological processes conditioned by prosodic domains and its implications for the syntax/phonology interface. The workshop adopts an inclusive perspective, open to any computational approach and any phonological framework.

**Submissions:** We invite abstracts for 20-minute oral presentations followed by 10 minutes of discussion. Abstracts should be anonymous and should not exceed 2 pages in length (A4 or letter-size, in 12 pt. font, with 1-inch/2.5-cm margins), including examples and references. The language of the workshop is English. Abstracts should be submitted through the [GLOW 38 Easychair page](#), **specifying that the submission should be considered for the workshop.**

# GLOW 2015 Semantics Workshop

April 18, 2015

## STATES AND EVENTS

**Organizers:** Elena Soare  
Bridget Copley  
Patricia Cabredo-Hofherr,  
Berit Gehrke  
Lucia Tovena

**Invited speakers:** TBA

**Deadline for abstracts:** December 1, 2014

**Website for submissions:** <https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=glow38>

**Notification of acceptance:** February 15, 2015

**Workshop date:** April 18, 2015

**Description of theme:** Davidson's (1967) proposal to augment the argument structure of 'action' verbs with an event argument has proven to be very useful in explicating the meaning of verbal predicates, especially in the relationship between meaning and syntactic structure, and has enabled a treatment of adverbial modification, foremost manner modification, in terms of intersective event modification. The Neo-Davidsonian suggestion to introduce something like an event argument also for states and even for non-verbal predicates (e.g. Higginbotham 1985, Parsons 1990, Landman 2000) has been met with more resistance. One of the reasons for treating states differently, for example, is that they are commonly incompatible with manner modification (cf. Katz's 2003 Stative Adverb Gap; see also Maienborn 2003 et seq., Katz 2008). Others have argued that there is no ontological difference between states and events, rather states are conceptually 'poorer' and thus compatible with fewer adverbs (e.g. Mittwoch 2005, Geuder 2006, Ernst 2011). Yet others have called into question some of the empirical basis for making such a clear-cut distinction between events and states (e.g. Rothstein 2005) or proposed a broader definition of the notion of event, to also include states (e.g. Ramchand 2005). Additionally, work such as Husband (2012) and Roy (2013) have attributed properties of certain statives to the internal conceptual structure of the states they refer to.

There are also processing studies that aim at providing evidence for the assumption that eventualities more generally can differ in structural complexity (e.g. McKoon and MacFarland 2000, 2002, Gennari and Poeppel 2003, Mobayyen and de Almeida 2005). Gennari and Poeppel (2003), for example, compare the processing speed of eventive versus stative verbs in a lexical decision paradigm, employing a self-paced reading technique. They start out from the assumption that eventive predicates have a more complex semantics and syntax, in the sense that eventive predicates entail simpler conceptual units such as CAUSE, BECOME, or CHANGE and resulting STATE, corresponding to the event's internal dynamics they denote, whereas stative verbs lack such entailments. Their results indicate that eventive verbs take longer to process than stative verbs.

Hence, general questions to be addressed at this workshop include the following:

What is a state? How do states relate to events? Is the notion of “state” a primitive notion in an event ontology, or if (some) states have internal complexity, how so? Do states make available an event argument? How are stative predicates to be represented at the interface with syntax, with e.g. Katz’s 2003 Stative Adverb Gap in mind, and recognizing that the compositional hypothesis is to date much more fleshed-out for events than for states? Does boundedness play a role at the level of grammar in distinguishing eventive from stative predicates? The notion of boundedness may be intuitively clear but it has been characterized in several ways and can encompass forms of telicity and perfectivity (e.g. Krifka 1998, Borik 2006). A general question is whether it is possible and useful to have such an overarching notion. Are there more fine-grained ontological distinctions, perhaps related to causation, that are relevant to answering the above questions? In particular, if states are involved in causation, how? Is there psycholinguistic evidence in favor of making a clear distinction between states and events?

In addition, the literature identifies different kinds of states, such as dynamic vs. static states (e.g. Bach 1981, 1986; Dowty 1979 labels the former interval statives) or Davidsonian vs. Kimian states (Maienborn 2003 et seq.; see also Rothmayr 2006, Marín 2013), and a general question is whether these distinctions are needed and what their empirical basis is. For example, do different classes of verbs (e.g. posture verbs and various types of psychological predicates) fall into one or the other? Do we need further distinctions within the class of states? Do we need the notion of inchoative states (e.g. de Swart 1998, Marín & McNally 2011), which also relates to boundedness more generally, and how are inchoative states different from achievements (in the sense of Vendler 1967 or Dowty 1979)? Connected to this is the issue of how to mediate between the concerns of a compositional treatment of the telicity of accomplishments and of achievements, without turning the latter into a sort of special/idiomatic case. A further distinction is made between lexical states and derived states (e.g. progressive, adjectival passives, different kinds of nominalizations, etc.), and the general question is what these two kinds of states have in common and how they relate to the events that the underlying verbal predicates often refer to (cf. Gehrke 2011 et seq., Fábregas & Marín 2012 for some recent discussion of adjectival passives and nominalizations, respectively). What about boundedness of events denoted by nominal expressions? Furthermore, is the individual-level/stage-level distinction (Carlson 1977, Milsark 1974), which also divides states into two classes, to be maintained? If so, how is it represented, how does it relate to other divisions made among states, and does it apply to states only or also to events?

This workshop will collect talks that address these and other related questions. We are particularly interested in talks that *relate* notions of stativity to notions of eventivity.

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## **Minutes of the GLOW General Assembly (Business Meeting) held in Brussels on 3 April 2014, 18.00-19.00**

by Jeroen van Craenenbroeck

### **1. Opening**

Sjef Barbiers (GLOW Chairperson) welcomes everyone to the business meeting.

### **2. GLOW Brussels 2014**

Dany Jaspers (Congress President 2014) gives an overview of the preparation for and organisation of GLOW 37. The local organizers received a record number of 220 abstracts for the Main Colloquium (in addition to 29 for the semantics workshop and 19 for the phonology workshop), out of which 20 oral presentations, 3 alternates and 15 posters were selected (yielding an overall acceptance rate of 17.3%). Each abstract was reviewed by 5 reviewers, the average score was 2.935, the median score 3. The selection committee reviewed the 50 abstracts with the highest score, the 12 abstracts with the highest standard deviation and one abstract with 4 reviews which could theoretically—based on the missing fifth score—still make it into one of the first two groups.

The costs for organizing GLOW were covered by funds of the linguistics institute CRISSP; the organizers received no funding from the Flemish Science Foundation. Fortunately, there was also some financial windfall in that the coffee breaks were paid for by the university, to which the organizers express their sincere gratitude.

As far as the attendance numbers are concerned, 115 people have preregistered for GLOW (Main Colloquium and/or workshops) and 15 have registered on site. Moreover, the livestream attracted on average 7 to 10 viewers per session, which makes this a very successful pilot project.

Sjef Barbiers thanks the organizers, confirms that the organization is running smoothly, and expresses his satisfaction about the quality of talks. The fact that both abstract submissions and attendance numbers seem to be on the rise is promising for the future of GLOW.

### **3. GLOW Spring School 2014**

Marijke De Belder gives an overview of the first GLOW Spring School. The program is built around four themes with two teachers, each of whom approaches the topic from a different theoretical angle. The teachers are: Pavel Caha, Norvin Richards, Hagit Borer, Philip Hofmeister, Philippe Schlenker, Charles Yang, Martina Wiltschko, and Antal Van den Bosch. 50 students have registered for the Spring School, 27 of which are also attending the GLOW conference.

The school is partly funded by GLOW, who paid 2,000 euros in grants to 9 students and an additional subsidy of 2,500 euros. The rest of the income comes from registration fees (200 euros per student). The total cost for the Spring School was 13,696 euros.

Sjef Barbiers expresses his satisfaction about the organisation of and interest in the Spring School and raises the possibility of organizing such a school biannually.

### **4. Future GLOWs**

Isabelle Roy (Congress President 2015) gives some more information about GLOW 38, which will take place in Paris on April 15-18, 2015. There will be a three-day, non-thematic Main Colloquium without invited speakers on April 15-17, and three workshops on April 18:

1. The implications of computation and learnability for phonological theory
2. Towards a formal typology of Caucasian languages
3. Events and states

It will be hosted by the lab Structures Formelles du Langage (University of Paris 8 and CNRS) and co-organized with the Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle (University of Paris Descartes and CNRS), the Institut Jean Nicod (Ecole Normale Supérieure, EHESS and CNRS), and the INALCO.

Forthcoming venues for future years are as follows:

2016: Seville

2017: There is a proposal to organize GLOW 40 in the Netherlands (Amsterdam/Utrecht/Leiden/Meertens); the idea would be to have it coincide with OCP and Sinn und Bedeutung

2018: Budapest (via Istvan Kenesei) is a tentative candidate

There are no candidates yet for post-2019; suggestions for possible venues remain welcome.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report 2013**

Maaïke Schoorlemmer (the GLOW Treasurer) discusses the 2013 Treasurer's Report. For 2014, GLOW has 23,763.08 euros which it can freely spend. There was a positive balance for 2013 of 4,193.02 euros.

#### **6. Financial support to summer schools (LISSIM/GLEE)**

GLOW has received two funding requests from summer schools: from GLEE (2,500 euros) and LISSIM (3,000 euros). The GLOW Board proposes to support these schools to the amount of 1,500 euros each for this year. The Chairperson stresses the importance of these summer schools for the field, and affirms that GLOW continues to see supporting these schools as one of its priorities. The General Assembly supports the GLOW Board's funding decisions.

#### **7. Changes to the GLOW Board**

The Congress President for 2015 is Isabelle Roy. The Newsletter Editor and Member A are up for reelection and there are no other candidates. Member D has indicated that she wants to step down. There is one candidate for this position: Clàudia Pons Moll. The Chairperson thanks Maria Rosa Lloret for her excellent service to the Board.

The General Assembly agrees with the proposed changes. The current composition of the GLOW Board is as follows:

**The complete GLOW Board for 2014-2015**

Congress President	Isabelle Roy	2014-2015
Chairperson	Sjef Barbiere	2013-2015
Secretary	Jeroen van Craenenbroeck	2013-2015
Treasurer	Maaïke Schoorlemmer	2013-2015
Newsletter Editor	Marc Richards	2014-2016
Journal Editor	Harry van der Hulst	
Website Manager	Alexis Dimitriadis	2013-2015
Member A	Roberta D'Alessandro	2014-2016
Member B	Mojmír Dočekal	2013-2015
Member C	Sarah Zobel	2013-2015
Member D	Clàudia Pons Moll	2014-2016
Advisory Member 1	Henk van Riemsdijk	
Advisory Member 2	Martin Everaert	
Co-opted member (Phonology)	Tobias Scheer	2013-2015
Co-opted member (GLOW Asia)	Pritty Patel	2013-2015

**8. Round table conference in Greece**

Following up on last year's discussion during the Business Meeting, Marcel den Dikken and Terje Lohndal have decided to organize their round table on the future of generative grammar independently of GLOW. Marcel den Dikken takes the floor to explain the concept in more detail. The event will take place on 28-30 May 2015 in Athens, Greece, and will be entitled "Generative Syntax in the Twenty-First Century: The Road Ahead". The organizers are Marcel den Dikken, Terje Lohndal, Artemis Alexiadou, Winnie Lechner, and Peter Svenonius. The idea is to have a meeting of 'major minds' in the field of generative grammar and to set a research agenda (possibly in the form of a white paper) for the decade(s) to come. The meeting will consist of a number of thematic sessions where the participants prepare short statements and subsequently have a round table discussion. The whole event will be open to the public and accompanied by an international conference on syntax and its interfaces (with papers based on abstract selection).

**9. The Teun Hoekstra memorial fund**

This fund was launched by Harry van der Hulst and Jan Kooij after Teun Hoekstra died, but has been mostly dormant during the past years. The Board proposes to use the money that is currently in this account to give grants to a number of participants of the GLOW Spring School (cf. above). In the future, it wants to revive this fund, and asks the participants of the Business Meeting to encourage their colleagues to donate money to this fund.

**10. *The Linguistic Review***

The TLR special issue based on GLOW Lund 2013 will appear by the end of the year

and the organizers of GLOW Brussels have agreed to co-edit (together with Sjeff Barbiers) a special issue of TLR containing a selection of papers from GLOW 37.

#### **11. Further issues**

The [new GLOW website](#) is not yet not entirely up-to-date (in particular more information about previous GLOWs needs to be added), but the webmaster is working on it.

## GLOW Treasurer's Report 2013

by Maaïke Schoorlemmer, 24 March 2014.

<b>Revenues (in €)</b>	
Membership dues	<b>1775.63</b>
Advance	7890.19
Interest	376.21
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>10,042.03</b>

<b>Expenses (in €)</b>	
Bank costs	196.05
Fraud loss	27.96
Advance syntax workshop	2625.00
Contribution African SS/EGG/LISSIM 2013 (1000 each)	3000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5849.01</b>

### Result 2013:

€10042.03 - €5849.01 = **€4193.02**

### Balance (in €)

Balance December 31, 2012	70,895.25
Result 2013	<b>4193.02</b>
Balance December 31, 2013	75,088.27
Unaccounted for	0.00

### Liquidity 2014

<b>Reservations and Dues (in €)</b>			Totals
Reservation in case of liquidation (legally required)		1500.00	
Reservation for calamities		25,000.00	
Reservation due to long-term memberships:		10,560.00	
Multi-year members (€30 per year /member until 2022):	840		
Lifetime members (€30 until 2031):	9720		
Reservation UiL OTS Newsletter printing costs 2007+2009 +2010		9000.00	
Workshop reservation		7890.19	
<b>Total reservation:</b>			<b>53,950.19</b>
Due: workshop advance	-	2625.00	<b>2625.00</b>
<b>Total reservation:</b>			<b>51,325.19</b>

Freely available in 2014: €75,088.27 - €51,325.19 = **€23,763.08**