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Time	Room A	Room B	Room C
9:00 - 9:15	Opening		
9:15 - 10:15	**ROOM A: Plenary 1. Tim Wharton: Relevance and appraisals** **Chair: Ryoko Sasamoto**		
10:15 - 10:30	BREAK		
10:30 - 12:00	Panel 1A Chair: Agnieszka Piskorska Ryoko Sasamoto: Resemblance and Relevance Thom Scott-Phillips: The communicative principle of relevance as a pair of empirical claims Chara Vlachaki. A relevance-theoretic model of aesthetic experience	Panel 1B Chair: Ismaël Pozner Gil Van Mulders: Basic Versus Mentalistic Ostension Edoardo Vaccargiu and Diana Mazzarella: Redescribing Early Pragmatics: a new look at hidden authorship. Stavros Assimakopoulos: Discriminatory discourse, argumentative inference, and relevance	Panel 1C Chair: Maria Jodłowiec Kyu Hyu Park: "Don't you have nunchi?": Korean interlocutors' mindreading in a relevance-theoretic approach Fabio Jose Rauen: Information Requests, Relevance, and Goal-Conciliation. Aglaia Rouki: Teaching English and Its Contribution to Intercultural Education: The Use of Conversational Implicatures with the Help of Corpora.
12:00 – 12:30	BREAK		
12:30 – 14:00	Panel 2A Chair: Gil Van Mulders Maria Jodłowiec: Translation metaphors in Kuang's Bebel, or the Necessity of Violence: A relevance-theoretic analysis Fabrizio Gallai: Relevance as a shared model for (asylum) interpreter training	Panel 2B Chair: Teru Konishi Diana Mazzarella and Christophe Heintz. The literalist mode of interpretation Ismaël Pozner: Beyond comprehension: meaning with affordances.	Panel 2C Chair: Angelica Andersen Mirela Conica, Maria Zakaria and Caroline Jagoe. A multi-modal utterance is worth a thousand words: Leveraging Relevance Theory and Realist Evaluation to facilitate conversation for individuals with communication disabilities

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	Agnieszka Piskorska: A relevance-theoretic perspective on persuasion in food discourse	Kate Scott: A cognitive pragmatic account of "the imagined audience": Perspectives from relevance theory.	Maria Zakaria, Mirela Conica, and Caroline Jagoe. The Power of Relevance: A Relevance Theory Approach to Enhancing Communication in Aphasia ~~Line Sjøtun Helganger: The need for an interdisciplinary approach to intonational-pragmatic phenomena~~ - cancelled
14:00 – 14:15	BREAK		
14:15 – 15:45	Panel 3A Chair: Fabrizio Gallai Vanessa Vanzan: Meme-ingful Interactions: Analysis of Non-Propositional effects in the Interpretation of Internet Memes Agnieszka Żak: A relevance-theoretic analysis of 4chan's /pol/ board discourse dynamics Angelica Andersen and Teresa Cristina Wachowicz: Semantic Truth and Pragmatic Deception: Linguistic Perspectives on Misinformation	Panel 3B Chair: Kate Scott Robyn Carston: Metaphor and Non-Propositional Effects: Insights into 'What it is Like' Daniel Sax: From Exemplars to Categories: A Relevance-Theoretic Account of Ad-Hoc Categorization Xinxin Yan: The Interpretation of Similes and Novel, Category-crossing Metaphors	Panel 3C Chair: Caroline Jagoe Conor Pyle and Jiang Renfeng: Pragmatic analysis of Chinese Covid vaccination certificates. Teru Konishi: Allegory, Coherence, and Narrative Urjani Chakravarty: Relevance Theory: A Comprehensive Analysis of Information to Entertainment.
15:45 – 16:00	BREAK		
16:00 – 17:00	ROOM B: Plenary 2: Anne Bezuidenhout: Intentions in referential communication Chair: Kate Scott		
17:00 – 17:15	Closing		