Establishing Reference During Language Comprehension

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Fung King Hey Building,
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Abstract:
A key challenge for language users is to establish the meaning of referential expressions, such as anaphora. This talk reviews neurocognitive work on anaphora resolution and presents evidence for a role of underlying memory processes, as stipulated in the ‘corticohippocampal theory of reference’.

Speaker:
Mante Nieuwland completed his BA, MA and PhD Cum Laude degrees in Psychology all from the University of Amsterdam. He subsequently worked as a Rubicon post-doctoral researcher at Tufts University (2007-2009), as a staff scientist at the Basque Center for Cognition, Brain and Language (2010-2012) and as a Chancellor’s Fellow/Tenured Lecturer at the University of Edinburgh (2012-2016), and he is currently a senior investigator in the Department of Neurobiology of Language at the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics. His research focuses on how the brain achieves high-level aspects of language processing, such as pragmatic and referential meaning, and on the role of incremental and predictive processing in language comprehension.

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