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# Exploring Semantic Representation in the Bilingual Mind: Challenges and Opportunities

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## Abstract

Studying how the bilingual mind represents and processes semantic information is a challenging endeavour, which limits our current understanding. In this talk, I will review recent research on the representation and processing of semantic information within the bilingual lexicon, focusing on the effects of cross-linguistic competition, mismatched representation, and cultural influences. I will also address the difficulties of investigating word meaning in bilingual populations and introduce innovative methodologies for measuring and analysing semantic representations. Overall, this talk aims to offer insights into the complex relationship between language, culture, and cognition in an increasingly multilingual world.

## Speaker

Dr Chaouch-Orozco is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Linguistics and Translation at the City University of Hong Kong and holds a PhD in Psycholinguistics from the University of Reading. His research investigates lexical-semantic processes and their implications for language processing and cognition. He approaches these questions by combining computational methods with behavioural experiments. His research has contributed to the understanding of semantic memory in bilinguals, among other areas in bi-/multilingualism research. He is also one of the editors of the Cambridge Handbook of Third Language Acquisition, in which he co-authors two chapters.

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