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Accommodating Phonetic Variation in Speech

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Abstract

Language users are avid learners, adapting to the language patterns used in our linguistic environments. Evidence for the flexibility that comes with being a malleable listener takes different shapes depending on whether our analytic lens is placed on speech production, perception, or recognition processes. In this talk, I describe what we can learn about how listeners navigate, manage, and adapt to phonetic and phonological information in expressive and receptive language domains by leveraging tools and theoretical frameworks from phonetics, psycholinguistics, and sociolinguistics.

Speaker

Dr. Molly Babel is a Professor of Linguistics at the University of British Columbia. Molly's research centres on the production, perception, and recognition of phonetic variation, using theories and methods from a wide disciplinary angle. This cross-disciplinary perspective deepens our understanding of how spoken language is a creative social and biological signal that is shaped by cognitive and psychollinguistic processes.

All Are Welcome

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