

The First International Conference on Theoretical East Asian Psycholinguistics

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The Chinese University of Hong Kong

The First International Conference on Theoretical East Asian Psycholinguistics (ICTEAP-1) was held on March 10-12, 2017 at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). The three-day conference, jointly organized by Language Acquisition Laboratory and the Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages and co-sponsored by the Faculty of Arts, intended to promote dissemination of state-of-the-art findings in psycholinguistics, with emphasis on research that has cross-linguistic implications and empirical work that refers to East Asian languages, following the spirit of The Tokyo Conference on Psycholinguistics (TCP).

This conference was the inaugural event of the International Conference on Theoretical East Asian Psycholinguistics series, which attracted over 200 international and local participants.

The theme of the ICTEAP-1 centered on language acquisition and the theory of parameters, with Professors Stephen Crain (Macquarie University), Maria Teresa Guasti (University of Milano-Bicocca), and Kenneth Wexler (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) as keynote speakers, and Professors Donna Lardiere (Georgetown University) and William Snyder (University of Connecticut) as invited speakers. In addition, twenty oral presentations and 30 poster presentations were delivered by researchers from 22 countries and regions in Asia, Australia, Europe, Middle East and North America, covering first and second language acquisition, language processing, sign linguistics and atypical development. A concluding roundtable discussion was held on the last day of the conference, during which the keynote and invited speakers addressed a core set of questions of the issue of language acquisition and the theory of parameters, joined by other participants.