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FRIDAY, MARCH 3 (BERNHARD CENTER – ROOM 157)

9.00 – 9.30	Registration

9.30 – 9.45 Welcome remarks & Anniversary speech
Mushira Eid, University of Utah

9.45 – 10.15 Lexical processing in two language varieties: An event-related brain potential study of Arabic native speakers
Reem khamis-Dakwar & Karen Froud
Columbia University

10.15 – 10.45 The split-INFL hypothesis:
Findings from Arabic L2 learners
Mohammad Alhawary
University of Oklahoma

10.45 – 11.00 BREAK

11.00 – 11.30 A cognitive approach to analyzing demonstratives in Tunisian Arabic
Amel Khalfaoui
University of Minnesota

11.30 – 12.00 A prosodic feature that invites back-channels in Egyptian Arabic
Nigel Ward & Yaffa Al Bayyari
University of Texas at El Paso

12.00 – 1.30 BREAK

1.30 – 2.00 Why there is no history of the Arabic language:
Part 1, the West
Jonathan Owens
University of Maryland

2.00 – 2.45 KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Devin Stewart
Emory University
Colorín Colorado, Cide Hamete Benegeli, and other puzzles: Recent research on the Arabic influence on Spanish

2.45 – 3.00 BREAK

3.00 – 3.45 KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Mushira Eid
University of Utah
Border crossings:
Variation and choice in literary and media Arabic

3.45 – 4.15 Arabic diglossic switching as sets of practices in the media
Naima Boussofara Omar
University of Kansas

4.15 – 4.30 BREAK

4.30 – 5.00 Covert language attitudes in contemporary Morocco
Brahim Chakrani
University of Illinois

5.00 – 5.30 Constructing linguistic and social identity in Casablanca:
The case of Fessi migrants
Atiqa Hachimi
University of Florida

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 (BERNHARD CENTER – ROOM 157)

9.00 – 9.30   The interaction between morphology and arity operations:
               Evidence from Standard Arabic
               Lior Laks
               Tel-Aviv University, Israel

9.30 – 10.00   An Arabic Wackernagel clitic?: The morphosyntax of
               negation in Palestinian Arabic
               Frederick Hoyt
               University of Texas at Austin

10.00 – 10.15 BREAK

10.15 – 10.45 Productivity of verb formation strategies in Maltese
               Alina Twist
               University of Arizona

10.45 – 11.30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS
               Jeffrey Heath
               University of Michigan
               Stretching ablaut: CCu, CCi, and CCa
               nouns in Moroccan Arabic

11.30 – 1.00   BREAK

1.00 – 1.30   Hypocoristics revisited: Challenging the
               centrality of the consonantal Root
               Samira Farwaneh
               University of Arizona

1.30 – 2.15   KEYNOTE ADDRESS
               Stuart Davis
               University of Indiana
               Issues in the phonology of 'onset-dialects' of Arabic

2.15 – 2.30   BREAK

2.30 – 3.00   The Verbal Particle *Qad* in Arabic: Is it a syntactic filler?
               Maher Bahloul
               American University of Sharjah, U.A.E

3.00 – 3.45   KEYNOTE ADDRESS
               Elabbas Benmamoun
               The Syntax of Arabic Verbs

3.45 – 4.15   Adnominal possession in Egyptian Arabic and the internal
               structure of DPs
               Usama Soltan
               University of Maryland

4.15 – 4.45   Reconstruction and islandhood in Jordanian Arabic
               Nicolas Guilliot & Nouman Malkawi
               University of Nantes, France

4.45 – 5.00   BREAK

5.00 – 5.30   A Link Grammar parser for Arabic
               Warren Casbeer, Jon Dehdari, & Deryle Lonsdale
               Brigham Young University

5.30 – 6.00   Using the Arabic tree bank for lexical semantics
               Neal Snider & Mona Diab
               Stanford University & Columbia University

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 (BERNHARD CENTER – ROOM 157)

9.00 – 9.30   A morphological analyzer for MSA and the Arabic
                 dialects
                 Nizar Habash & Owen Rambow
                 Columbia University

9.30 – 10.15   KEYNOTE ADDRESS
                 Dilworth Parkinson
                 Brigham Young University
                 ArCorpus.byu.edu: Making Arabic corpora available to
                 students and researchers on the web

10.15 – 10.45   A new implementation practice in building linguistic
                 concept-based IR systems.
                 **Hayder Al-Ameed, Shaikha Al-Ketbi, Amna Al-Kaabi,
                 Khadija Al-Shebli, Naila Al-Shamsi, Noura Al-
                 Nuaimi, & Shikha Al-Muhairi**
                 U.A.E University, U.A.E

10.45 – 11.00   BREAK

11.00 – 11.45   KEYNOTE ADDRESS
                 Mona Diab
                 Columbia University
                 Automatic Ambiguity resolution in MSA and dialectal
                 Arabic

11.45 – 12.15   Implementing an Arabic Resource Grammar for GF
                 Ali El Dada & Aarne Ranta
                 Göteborg University, Sweden

12.15 – 1.00   KEYNOTE ADDRESS
                 Bushra Zawaydeh & Zina Saadi
                 Basis Technology, Cambridge MA