

## **The expression of affirmation and addition in German, Dutch, and French**

The affirmation as well as the addition of information to the common ground are default operations that often go unmarked. They require an explicit expression only under special circumstances, in particular in contrastive contexts. The talk presents attempts to elicit relevant production data in monologues and dialogues from speakers of German, Dutch and French. Results from quantitative and qualitative analyses show that cross-linguistic differences on the level of grammatical structure, lexicon and prosody have an impact on the preferred patterns of information organization in discourse.