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5 pm – 7 pm,

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**Language impairment in bilingual children:
How can we tell?**

Abstract:

With bilingualism on the increase in Europe, being able to better understand and evaluate language abilities of bilingual children has become more important. In this talk, I will focus on the identification of Specific Language Impairment (SLI) in bilingual children, which is particularly challenging because 1) evaluation of the two languages of the child, especially the home language, is very difficult, and 2) most test batteries are standardized on monolinguals, thus making test scores difficult to interpret. I will show the relevance of targeting linguistic structures known to be problematic for children with SLI. I will then focus on the development of tasks for French and a questionnaire for parents of bilingual children. I will report on how these tools were used with a population of 95 French-speaking bilingual children (aged 5-8) who were either in speech and language therapy or not. Comparisons will also be made with other bilingual contexts.



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