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SHAPE



in Language & Cognition

June 8-9, 2026
PARIS, FRANCE

INALCO Maison de la recherche
2 Rue de Lille, 75007 Paris

**FREE &
OPEN TO ALL**

PROGRAMME

Monday 8 June · from 14:30

- 14:30** Welcome addresses
- 15:00** Shape in spoken & signed languages across the world
Pamela Perniss & Frank Seifart
- 15:30** Shape in vision & cognitive development
Linda B. Smith & Mila Vulchanova
- 16:00** Round table: visual perception of shape & language
With Östen Dahl, Jenny Saffran, Inge-Marie Eigsti, Jim Magnuson & Larissa Samuelson

17:00-19:00 · Reception — all welcome
Salons Borel et de Tassy

Tuesday 9 June · from 13:45

- 13:45** Shape perception: beyond feed-forward theories
Mary Peterson · Univ. of Arizona
- 14:30** Inheritance & diffusion of ungrounded concepts
John Mansfield · Univ. of Zurich
- 15:15** Conventionalisation of tool labels in homesign
Marie Coppola · Univ. of Connecticut
- 16:00** Round table: shape, diversity & sign language
With Karla McGregor, Lynn Perry, Kenny Coventry, Jürgen Bohnemeyer & Caroline Larson

Online attendance — no registration required
<https://zoom.us/j/98346033268> Passcode: 024336

RESEARCH TEAMS



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