

**Title:** What Sign Language reveals about the nature of human language

**Abstract:** Very often sign languages generate misconception about their very nature. People often think of them as generic quasi universal gestural communication systems that lack a proper internal and coherent grammar. Sign languages are viewed as inferior when compared to spoken languages. In this talk, I will show linguistic, psycholinguistic and neurolinguistic evidence from several sign languages of the world that all these representations of sign language are false, that sign languages are natural languages as spoken languages are, and that if possible they are even richer than spoken languages.