New Work on TOM 2 - interacting with LLMs

March 20th -21st, 2025

Conference Program

Organizers: Sandra Cătălina Brânzaru (PhD candidate - University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, ICUB, CELFIS), with the help of students from Cognitive Science, BA, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences

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Thursday, March 20th 2025

Chair: Sebastian Andrei Ioniță

*The time slots correspond to Bucharest time zone, CET +1

11:00-11 40 **Merel Semeijn** (University of Groningen). *Chatbots as fictional bullshitters.*

11:40-12 20 **Yan Xu** (Durham University). *Phenomenological analysis of speech acts: Eliciting the listener's responses'.*

12:20 -13:00 **Marco Fenici** (Università Telematica Pegaso). *Do LLMs Exhibit Theory of Mind? Insights from Conversational Approaches to False-Belief Task Success.*

13:00 -14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 **Keynote address: Alexandru Nicolae** (University of Bucharest, Faculty of Letters and Institute of Linguistics „Iorgu Iordan - Al. Rosetti"). *Some notes on the competence of LLMs.*

15:00-15:40 **Luca di Vincenzo** (Sapienza University of Rome). *Can Large Language Models Read Minds? A Multimodal Constraint Hypothesis?*

15:40 – 16:00 Break

16:00-16:40 **Bianca Savu** (University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy). *Compliments and AI.*

16:40-17:40 **Keynote address: Gheorghe Ștefanov** (University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy). *Propositional attitudes and speech acts.*

Cross-referenced with the "**How to Safely Interact with LLMs**" peer learning workshop at UB

18:00 **Keynote address: Iwan Williams** (University of Copenhagen). *Chatting with bots* (Co-authored with Tim Bayne).

19:00 **Keynote address: Neri Marsili** (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia). *Commitment, Deniability, and Indirectness?*

Friday, March 21st 2025

Chair: Selahattin-Can Petre-Akbulut

11:00- 11:40 **Shaoyu Han** (Durham University) *Can LLMs Understand? AI Hate Speech, Intention, and the Extended Mind*

11:40-12:20 **Rareș Mihnea Iosifescu** (University of Bucharest, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences). *Talking Your Way into Theory of Mind. Can Mental-State Talk Pave the Road for Theory of Mind Development?*

12:20: -14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-14:40 **Yikunoamlak Mesfin** (University of Szeged) *The Origins of Ethics: Insights from Evolutionary Ethics and Pragmatism for Addressing Digital Age Challenges.*

14:40-15:20 **Jeremie Garceau** (University of Quebec in Trois-Rivières). *Defining artificial agents' ability to understand.*

15:20-16:00 **Corina Stavila** (University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy). *If a Chatbot Can Lie, Can It Also Assert Truthfully?*