

Kriszta Szendroi, a visitor at MACCS, will be presenting a talk on: Topic, focus and quantifiers in Hungarian.

Time, Date & Venue of the Talk:

Date: 3 April 2009

Time: 2 to 4 pm

Venue: Building C5A, Meeting Room 565

Abstract for the Talk:

Hungarian is a Finno-Ugric language spoken by about 13 million people worldwide (10M in Hungary). In this talk, I am going to talk about certain aspects of word order that are linked to discourse functions, such as topic and focus and semantic operators such as *everyone*, *someone, not*. I will demonstrate that, perhaps surprisingly, Hungarian is much closer to Warlpiri than to English!

Kriszta Szendroi Short Bio:

Kriszta Szendroi was born and educated in Budapest, Hungary. She did her PhD on focus and the syntax-prosody interface at University College London. Afterwards she was a postdoctoral research fellow at Utrecht University working with Professor Tanya Reinhart on the acquisition of focus and prosody. Since 2006 she has been a lecturer in linguistics/psycholinguistics at UCL. Her research interests centre around the interplay between syntax, prosody and semantics, especially concerning the discourse functions topic and focus.

After the talk do visit the CLaS website as we are attempting to put up a short Q&A interview with her that will provide further information about her background, people who have influenced her career and work and what attracts her to come to Faculty of Human Sciences.