

29-30 April 2026 University of Göttingen

POQAL-3

Polar Questions Across Languages

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Day 1
29.4.2026 Wednesday

8:30-8:50	Registration
8:50-9:00	<i>Opening remarks</i>
9:00-9:40	Two types of conjectural questions in Italian [Francesco Costantini]
9:40-10:20	Two types of diagnostics for yes/no questions in Mandarin and Yixing Chinese [Danfeng Wu & Xuhui Hu]
10:20-11:00	Non-standard polar questions in Basque Varieties [Sergio Monforte Del Valle]
11:00-11:15	Break
11:15-12:15	<i>Invited Talk 1: Two rhetorical question strategies</i> [Maribel Romero]
12:15-13:45	Lunch
13:45-14:45	<i>Poster presentations with coffee</i>
14:45-14:55	Short break
14:55-15:35	Echo questions of questions?? [Beste Kamali]
15:35-16:15	Polar Questions without words [Erlinde Meertens]
16:15-16:30	Break
16:30-17:30	<i>Invited Talk 2: What li does: Ignorance and certainty in Russian polar questions</i> [Natasha Korotkova]
18:30-	Self-paid workshop dinner (location TBA)

Day 2
30.4.2026 Thursday

9:00-9:40	A new type of non-flipped question in Italian [Ilaria Frana & Paula Menendez-Benito]
9:40-10:20	Bias in negated Italian questions with discourse particles and prosodic prominence [Ebrar Beşinci, Timo Buchholz, Robin Edds, Ilaria Frana, James Griffiths, Paula Menendez-Benito]
10:20-11:00	Prosody and focus in Italian disjunctive questions [Valentina Bianchi, Maria F. Ferin, Giuliano Bocci]
11:00-11:15	Break
11:15-12:15	<i>Invited Talk 3: Prosody, negation & pragmatic meaning: A view on English polar questions</i> [Sophie Repp]
12:15-13:45	Lunch
13:45-14:25	On different ways of embedding polar questions in Akan [Jeanne Lecavelier & Deniz Özyıldız]
14:25- 15:05	Contextual monopolarity via discourse update [Takanobu Nakamura]
15:05-15:45	Parametric variation of yes/no questions across English and Chinese [Xuhui Hu & Danfeng Wu]
15:45-16:00	Break
16:00-17:00	<i>Invited Talk 4: A probabilistic account of bias in negative polar questions</i> [Kyle Rawlins]
17:00-17:10	<i>Closing Remarks</i>

Posters:

- Why epistemicity matters: The role of *ànáá* and *enti* in Asante Twi polar questions [Michaela Chodounska]
- Confirmation-Seeking Questions with Epistemic Bias in Turkish [Aslı Gürer]
- Can Polar Questions in Chinese Be Disjoined? [Miao-Ling Hsieh]
- Interrogative and declarative sentences used as questions in Chinese [Angelika Kiss, Justin R. Leung, Jianing Zhou]
- Approach to Polar *li* Questions in Russian [Mila Loginova]
- Semantics and Pragmatics of Turkish Alternative Questions [Rüveyda Şahyar]