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# **VALUES AND SYSTEMS IN INTERACTIVITY, LANGUAGE & COGNITION**

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN DENMARK  
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THE COMENIUS MEETING ROOM**

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## Symposium description

In recent years, the study of human interactivity, language and cognition has been heavily influenced by recent developments in dynamical systems theory. Both theoretically and methodologically, this development has led to a rejection of individualist, internalist and intentionalist models of human behavior. Rather, the focus has shifted to supra-individual, systemic and ecological models in both interactional and cognitive studies. In these approaches, the unit of analysis is not individuals, but rather an array of dyads, groups, teams and systems, including infant-caregiver relations, situated activity systems, distributed cognitive systems, dialogical systems, organism-environment systems, and even ecosystems.

## Research questions

In the light of these developments, this symposium raises the following research questions:

*What are the dynamics of such supra-individual systems?*

*What enables, constrains and determines their trajectory?*

*How do we understand such notions as moral, intentionality, memory, cognition, interaction, values, etc. in light of systemic views?*

## Symposium format

The format of the symposium is that the organizers have selected one piece of work to function as target for the symposium. So while each of the invited scholars will present their own research, they are also requested to relate it to the target article. In the 2013 Autumn Symposium, the target article is a paper by Professor Bert Hodges:

Hodges, B.H. 2009. Ecological pragmatics: Values, dialogical arrays, complexity, and caring. *Pragmatics & Cognition*, 17, 628-652.

Bert Hodges is an ecological social psychologist whose work has been highly influential in the Distributed Language and Cognition movement. Building on James Gibson, he has developed an ecological Values-Realizing Theory which proposes that a supra-individual system is guided by values which define the boundary conditions of the system. Bert Hodges is furthermore president of The International Society for the Study of Interactivity, Language and Cognition.

## Speakers

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St Petersburg State University

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