

Foreword

It is a pleasure to present the Proceedings of [Sinn und Bedeutung 25](#) – the first edition of the conference to be held in a virtual format. The main session of SuB25 was co-hosted by University College London and Queen Mary University of London from 3rd–9th September 2020. In addition, there were two special sessions from 1st–2nd September 2020: *Gestures and Natural Language: Investigations at the Interface* (organized and hosted by the University of Oslo) and *the Semantics of Understudied Languages and Semantic Fieldwork* (organized and hosted by Queen Mary University of London).

Of 175 submissions to the main session, 64 were accepted, all being presented as recorded talks, with a further 3 invited talks. There were also 10 presentations at the special session on Gestures (2 of which were invited talks), 13 presentations at the special session on Understudied Languages (including 1 invited talk), and a round table on semantic fieldwork methodology. We also marked the 25th edition of SuB with a special series of live conversations on the history of formal semantics, and managed to fit in some socialising during virtual hangout sessions. Recordings of talks and other materials are hosted [here](#) and the recordings of the history of formal semantics sessions can be accessed [here](#).

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Looking forward to Sinn und Bedeutung 26 at the University of Cologne!

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