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Language, Music, and the  
Brain Oxford University  
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A comprehensive and

unified account of the  
neural computations  
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theoretical framework  
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and the neurological literatures. In this book, Frank Guenther offers a comprehensive, unified account of the neural computations underlying speech production, with an emphasis on speech motor control rather than linguistic content. Guenther focuses on the brain mechanisms responsible for commanding the musculature of the vocal tract to produce articulations that result in an acoustic signal conveying a desired string of syllables. Guenther

provides neuroanatomical and neurophysiological descriptions of the primary brain structures involved in speech production, looking particularly at the cerebral cortex and its interactions with the cerebellum and basal ganglia, using basic concepts of control theory (accompanied by nontechnical explanations) to explore the computations performed by these brain regions. Guenther offers a detailed theoretical framework to account for

a broad range of both behavioral and neurological data on the production of speech. He discusses such topics as the goals of the neural controller of speech; neural mechanisms involved in producing both short and long utterances; and disorders of the speech system, including apraxia of speech and stuttering. Offering a bridge between the neurological and behavioral literatures on speech production, the book will be a valuable resource for researchers

in both fields.

Evolutionary Physiology  
and Biochemistry

Princeton University Press

In a stimulating synthesis of cognitive science, anthropology, and linguistics, Philip Lieberman tackles the fundamental questions of human nature: How and why are human beings so different from other species? Can the Darwinian theory of evolution explain human linguistic and cognitive ability? How do our processes of language and thought differ from

those of Homo erectus 500,000 years ago, or of the Neanderthals 35,000 years ago? What accounts for human moral sense? Lieberman believes that evolution for rapid, efficient vocal communication forged modern human beings by creating the modern human brain. Earlier hominids lacked fully human speech and syntax, which together allow us to convey complex thoughts rapidly. The author discusses how natural selection acted on older brain mechanisms

to produce a structure that can regulate the motor activity necessary for speech and command the complex syntax that enhances the creativity of human language. The unique brain mechanisms underlying human language also enhance human cognitive ability, allowing us to derive abstract concepts and to plan complex activities. These factors are necessary for the development of true altruism and moral behavior. Lieberman supports his argument

about the evolution of speech and the human brain by combining the comparative method of Charles Darwin, insights from archaeology and child development, and the results of high-tech research with computerized brain scanning and computer models that can recreate speech sounds made by our ancestors over 100,000 years ago. Uniquely Human will stimulate fresh thought and controversy on the basic question of how we came to be.

*The Oxford Handbook of Neurolinguistics* Springer Science & Business Media  
 o. D. CREUTZFELDT, Max-Planck-Institut für Biophysikalische Chemie, D-3400 Göttingen, FRG  
 In the name of the European Brain and Behaviour Society (EBBS) and the Max-Planck-Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, I welcome you to this workshop on Hearing Mechanisms and Speech. It is the aim of EBBS, to tackle brain mechanisms of complex behavioral performances. Language is certainly a complex -

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dictated by the reality to which we relate ourselves through language. These rules are general, and therefore general rules or a universal grammar may be generated, common to all languages (Chomsky, 1965).

*A Neuropsychological Study* MIT Press

Describing NDE issues associated with real-world applications, this comprehensive book details conventional and forthcoming NDE technologies. It instructs on current practices, common techniques and

equipment applications, and the potentials and limitations of current NDE methods. Each chapter details a different method, providing an overview, an [The Age Factor in Second Language Acquisition](#) Karger Medical and Scientific Publishers When two vowels with different fundamental frequencies (F0s) are presented concurrently, listeners often hear two voices producing different vowels on different pitches. Parsing of this simultaneous speech can

also be affected by the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) in the auditory scene. The extraction and interaction of F0 and SNR cues may occur at multiple levels of the auditory system. The major aims of this dissertation are to elucidate the neural mechanisms and time course of concurrent speech perception in clean and in degraded listening conditions and its behavioral correlates. In two complementary experiments, electrical brain activity (EEG) was recorded at cortical (EEG

Study #1) and subcortical (FFR Study #2) levels while participants heard double-vowel stimuli whose fundamental frequencies (F0s) differed by zero and four semitones (STs) presented in either clean or noise degraded (+5 dB SNR) conditions. Behaviorally, listeners were more accurate in identifying both vowels for larger F0 separations (i.e., 4ST; with pitch cues), and this F0-benefit was more pronounced at more favorable SNRs. Time-frequency analysis of

cortical EEG oscillations (i.e., brain rhythms?) revealed a dynamic time course for concurrent speech processing that depended on both extrinsic (SNR) and intrinsic (pitch) acoustic factors. Early high frequency activity reflected pre-perceptual encoding of acoustic features (~200 ms) and the quality (i.e., SNR) of the speech signal (~250-350ms), whereas later-evolving low-frequency rhythms (~400-500ms) reflected post-perceptual, cognitive

operations that covaried with listening effort and task demands. Analysis of subcortical responses indicated that while FFRs provided a high-fidelity representation of double vowel stimuli and the spectro-temporal nonlinear properties of the peripheral auditory system. FFR activity largely reflected the neural encoding of stimulus features (exogenous coding) rather than perceptual outcomes, but timbre (F1) could predict the speed in noise conditions. Taken

together, results of this dissertation suggest that subcortical auditory processing reflects mostly exogenous (acoustic) feature encoding in stark contrast to cortical activity, which reflects perceptual and cognitive aspects of concurrent speech perception. By studying multiple brain indices underlying an identical task, these studies provide a more comprehensive window into the hierarchy of brain mechanisms and time-course of concurrent speech processing.

### **Brain Mechanisms Underlying Speech and Language** W.B. Saunders Company

The outcome of ten years' work, this book is a carefully planned study of brain dominance, aphasia, and other speech disturbances, and includes a discussion of the cerebral mechanisms of speech and the learning and teaching of language. Originally published in 1959. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available

previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905.

**Study Week September 28 to October 4, 1964,**

**of the Pontificia Academia Scientiarum**  
Oxford University Press  
The planning of this Study Week at the Pontifical Academy of Science from September 28 to October 4, 1964, began just two years before when the President, Professor Lemaitre, asked me if I would be responsible for a Study Week relating Psychology to what we may call the Neurosciences. I accepted this responsibility on the understanding that I could have assistance

from two colleagues in the Academy, Professors Heymans and Chagas. Besides participating in the Study Week they gave me much needed assistance and advice in the arduous and, at times, perplexing task that I had undertaken, and I gratefully acknowledge my indebtedness to them. Though there have been in recent years many symposia concerned with the so-called higher functions of the brain, for example with perception, learning and conditioning, and with the processing of



information in the brain, there has to my knowledge been no symposium specifically with brain functions and consciousness since the memorable treating Laurentian Conference of 1953, which was later published in 1954 as the book, "Brain Mechanisms and Consciousness. *Brain and Conscious Experience* Springer  
Leading scholars draw on the latest research to explore what birdsong can tell us about the biology of human speech and language and the

consequences for evolutionary biology.

### **Exploring the Evolution of Mind and Brain**

Grune & Stratton  
In the first comprehensive study of the relationship between music and language from the standpoint of cognitive neuroscience, Aniruddh D. Patel challenges the widespread belief that music and language are processed independently. Since Plato's time, the relationship between music and language has attracted interest and debate from a wide range

of thinkers. Recently, scientific research on this topic has been growing rapidly, as scholars from diverse disciplines, including linguistics, cognitive science, music cognition, and neuroscience are drawn to the music-language interface as one way to explore the extent to which different mental abilities are processed by separate brain mechanisms. Accordingly, the relevant data and theories have been spread across a range of disciplines. This volume

provides the first synthesis, arguing that music and language share deep and critical connections, and that comparative research provides a powerful way to study the cognitive and neural mechanisms underlying these uniquely human abilities. Winner of the 2008 ASCAP Deems Taylor Award.

*Proceedings* Harvard University Press

This monograph is based on 20 years of research with patients who have experienced pathology in one hemisphere of the

brain. It deals with brain mechanisms in human communicative behavior, and with related motor functions, from a broadly biological point of view. In so doing, the work discusses the possible evolutionary origins of human communication, the relation of brain mechanisms in communicative behavior to analogous nonhuman behaviors, and the neural systems involved in various levels and kinds of communication. In addition, noncommunicative

mechanisms which parallel those used in communication--such as manual and oral praxis, and constructional behavior-- are outlined in detail. Individual differences in brain organization for such functions, related to hand preference and sex, are also explored. Although there is extensive reference to central nervous system pathology, the emphasis throughout is on how the findings contribute to understanding normal brain mechanisms. Much

new data is presented along with the theoretical treatment of human communication which emphasizes a behavioral rather than a linguistic approach. This in turn provides continuity with nonhuman primates and early hominids. The work will interest psycholinguists, cognitive psychologists, neurologists, clinical neuropsychologists, speech pathologists, and advanced students in these fields.

*Brain Mechanisms for Processing Speech-*

*associated Movements*  
Speech and Brain Mechanisms  
Phonological Processes and Brain Mechanisms reviews selective neurolinguistic research relating brain structures to phonology. The studies in the volume report on a number of timely and important topics, such as a neuronal model for processing segmental phonology, the role of the thalamus and basal ganglia in language processing, and oral reading in dyslexia. Increasingly, phonology is

considered a cognitive module whose brain correlates may be independently investigated. Given the modular nature of the phonological system and its direct linkage with peripheral components of the nervous system, research on phonology and the brain will undoubtedly flourish in the future. The chapters in this volume give substance to this future. *Birdsong, Speech, and Language* Springer Houghton Mifflin books in psychology. Bibliography:

p. 124-126.

*Brain Mechanisms*

*Underlying Speech and Language* Oxford University Press

University Press

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### **Neural Control of**

**Speech** BoD – Books on Demand

Unlike any other species, humans can learn and use language. This book explains how the brain evolved to make language possible, through what

Michael Arbib calls the Mirror System Hypothesis. Because of mirror neurons, monkeys, chimps, and humans can learn by imitation, but only "complex imitation," which humans exhibit, is powerful enough to support the breakthrough to language. This theory provides a path from the openness of manual gesture, which we share with nonhuman primates, through the complex imitation of manual skills, pantomime, protosign (communication based on conventionalized manual

gestures), and finally to protospeech. The theory explains why we humans are as capable of learning sign languages as we are of learning to speak. This fascinating book shows how cultural evolution took over from biological evolution for the transition from protolanguage to fully fledged languages. The author explains how the brain mechanisms that made the original emergence of languages possible, perhaps 100,000 years ago, are still operative today in the

way children acquire language, in the way that new sign languages have emerged in recent decades, and in the historical processes of language change on a time scale from decades to centuries. Though the subject is complex, this book is highly readable, providing all the necessary background in primatology, neuroscience, and linguistics to make the book accessible to a general audience. [Music, Language, and the Brain](#) Springer

In 2016, it was 60 years since the eminent Soviet researcher, a disciple and a successor of Ivan Pavlov, Leon Orbeli had proclaimed the birth of a new branch of physiology, evolutionary physiology. In the same year, his ideas were embodied in the foundation in Leningrad, now Saint Petersburg, of the present Sechenov Institute of Evolutionary Physiology and Biochemistry of the Russian Academy of Sciences. This anniversary book includes the selected works carried out

recently by his followers at the same institute. While addressing some hot aspects of evolutionary physiology and biochemistry, they demonstrate that this branch of physiology really represents a discipline in its own right. *Inner Speech and Thought* Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG  
In recent years epoch-making tools like positron emission tomography (PET), magnetoencephalography (MEG) and functional magnetic resonance

imaging have enabled us to finally investigate the enigma of language. This book discusses language from a primarily medical point of view. It reviews classical as well as recent studies on significant topics such as cortical mechanisms of language and the identification of receptive and perceptive speech areas. The interaction between brain areas for perception and production is discussed and a summary of the latest research in this field is provided. New findings on the role of the

cerebellum and the supplementary motor area in speech perception are reported. Furthermore the latest up-to-date results of PET studies on users of cochlear implants that have immensely improved the understanding of development and plasticity of the cortical language networks, are presented. Otolaryngologists, neurologists, neurosurgeons, along with audiologists and speech therapists will find a wealth of new information

in this publication, which provides them with contributions on the latest results on how the brain controls speech and language.

Brain Mechanisms Underlying Speech and Language CRC Press

Neurolinguistics is a young and highly interdisciplinary field, with influences from psycholinguistics, psychology, aphasiology, and (cognitive) neuroscience, as well as other fields.

Neurolinguistics, like psycholinguistics, covers

aspects of language processing; but unlike psycholinguistics, it draws on data from patients with damage to language processing capacities, or the use of modern neuroimaging technologies such as fMRI, TMS, or both. The burgeoning interest in neurolinguistics reflects that an understanding of the neural bases of this data can inform more biologically plausible models of the human capacity for language. The Oxford Handbook of Neurolinguistics provides

concise overviews of this rapidly-growing field, and engages a broad audience with an interest in the neurobiology of language. The chapters do not attempt to provide exhaustive coverage, but rather present discussions of prominent questions posed by given topics. The volume opens with essential methodological chapters: Section I, Methods, covers the key techniques and technologies used to study the neurobiology of language today, with chapters structured along

the basic divisions of the field. Section II addresses the neurobiology of language acquisition during healthy development and in response to challenges presented by congenital and acquired conditions. Section III covers the many facets of our articulate brain, or speech-language pathology, and the capacity for language production-written, spoken, and signed. Questions regarding how the brain comprehends meaning, including



emotions at word and discourse levels, are addressed in Section IV. Finally, Section V reaches into broader territory, characterizing and contextualizing the neurobiology of language with respect to more fundamental neuroanatomical mechanisms and general cognitive domains.

**Speech and Brain-Mechanisms. By W. Penfield and Lamar Roberts. [With a Bibliography.]** Springer Science & Business Media  
This important volume

brings together significant findings on the neural bases of spoken language –its processing, use, and organization, including its phylogenetic roots.

Employing a potent mix of conceptual and neuroimaging-based approaches, contributors delve deeply into specialized structures of the speech system, locating sensory and cognitive mechanisms involved in listening and comprehension, grasping meanings and storing memories. The novel perspectives revise

familiar models by tracing linguistic interactions within and between neural systems, homing in on the brain's semantic network, exploring the neuroscience behind bilingualism and multilingual fluency, and even making a compelling case for a more nuanced participation of the motor system in speech. From these advances, readers have a more three-dimensional picture of the brain—its functional epicenters, its connections, and the whole—as the seat of

language in both wellness and disorders. Included in the topics: · The interaction between storage and computation in morphosyntactic processing. · The role of language in structure-dependent cognition. · Multisensory integration in speech processing: neural mechanisms of cross-modal after-effect. · A neurocognitive view of the bilingual brain. · Causal modeling: methods and their application to speech and language. · A word in the hand: the gestural origins

of language. *Neural Mechanisms of Language* presents a sophisticated mix of detail and creative approaches to understanding brain structure and function, giving neuropsychologists, cognitive neuroscientists, developmental psychologists, cognitive psychologists, and speech/language pathologists new windows onto the research shaping their respective fields. *Hearing Mechanisms and Speech* Multilingual Matters

This book takes a hard look at some of the assumptions that are customarily made concerning the role of age in second language acquisition. The evidence and arguments the contributors present run counter to the notion that an early start in second language learning is of itself either absolutely sufficient or necessary for the attainment of native-like mastery of a second language. Another theme of the book is a doubt that there is a particular stage of maturity beyond which

language learning is no longer fully possible. In short, the book presents a challenge to those who take it as given that second language learning is inevitably different in its essential nature from language acquisition in

the childhood years and that second language knowledge acquired beyond the critical period is in all circumstances and in all respects doomed to fossilize at a non-native-like level.

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