Differential Object Marking and Language Acquisition
International workshop of the
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In this workshop, we are interested in how DOM is acquired and in how acquisition data can help us evaluate the explanatory power of available theoretical analyses.

In the past ten years, we could see a number of studies on DOM in L2 learning and heritage speakers settings (Guijarro-Fuentes 2011, 2012; Guijarro-Fuentes & Marinis 2007, 2009; Montrul 2014, 2011, 2014; Montrul & Bowles 2008, 2009; Bohnacker & Mohammadi 2012; Ciovârnache & Avram 2013; Montrul & Sánchez-Walker 2013; Avram et al. 2014; Montrul et al. 2015), as well as on DOM in early bilingualism (Ticio 2015). More recently, the L1 acquisition of DOM has also been investigated (see, e.g. Rodríguez-Mondoñedo 2008 and the 2015 special theme issue of Revue Roumaine de Linguistique, n° 4).

However, these studies investigated the acquisition and the learning of DOM in a limited number of languages or language pairs (mostly Spanish and a few other Romance and / or European languages). We would like to learn more about the acquisition of DOM in other (typologically different) laguages of the world, in order to have a better understanding of this phenomenon from a cross-linguistic perspective.

At the same time, we would like to know more about the following specific aspects of DOM acquisition (this list is by no means exhaustive):
- the acquisition of DOM in L3 and in more 2L1 settings
- the role of language contact in the acquisition of DOM
- semantic universals in the acquisition and the learning of DOM
- the link between the acquisition of DOM and of clitic doubling
- the acquisition of object scrambling and of DOM
- child input divergent patterns in L1 and 2L2 and language change

Call for papers
We invite papers dealing with any aspect of the acquisition and the learning of DOM exemplifying the previous scenarios (or suggesting new ones).

Anonymous abstracts not exceeding 2 pages (including references and examples) should be sent as PDF attachments to the organizer, alexandru.mardale@inalco.fr, by 1 September 2016. Please specify in your message the following: author name(s), presentation title, institutional affiliation.

Presentations will be allotted 30 minute slots including 10 minutes for discussion.

The publication of a selection of the papers as a book or a special issue of an international journal is foreseen.

Invited speaker
Silvina Montrul (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Important dates
Submission deadline: 1 September 2016
Notification of acceptance: 1 October 2016

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