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now open!**
Early bird rate available
through August 31, 2015

The AILA ReN on *Interlocutor Individual Differences in Cognition and SLA*
invites you to attend the

Symposium on Interlocutor Individual Differences

October 1- 2, 2015 at Indiana University

This inaugural symposium will bring together leading and junior scholars from various second language acquisition frameworks to facilitate discussion of the theoretical role(s) of the interlocutor within their approach; consider how the individual differences of the interlocutor in each perspective may influence second/foreign language (L2) opportunities; present original, robust, peer-reviewed empirical research on interlocutor individual differences from each theoretical approach; and collaborate and outline existing trends and future areas for research. Our use of the term *interlocutor* refers to the input provider and communicative partner for learners in formal and informal L2 settings, and *individual differences* refer to characteristics that we all have, and differ by degree, such as native language, gender, research focus, and training, among others.

Invited speakers include:

- **Kimberly L. Geeslin**, *Indiana University*: Variationist perspective
- **James Lantolf**, *The Pennsylvania State University*: Sociocultural perspective
- **Diane Larsen-Freeman**, *University of Michigan*: Complexity theory perspective
- **Jenefer Philp**, *Lancaster University*: Cognitive-interactionist perspective
- **Luke Plonsky**, *Northern Arizona University*: Methodological perspective

Details regarding registration, the organizing AILA ReN, and outline of the conference schedule can be found on www.individualdifferencesinsla.com/symposium--iu.html

*Questions may be directed to the conference organizer and ReN convener,
Laura Gurzynski-Weiss, at lgurzyns@indiana.edu*

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October 1-2, 2015
Indiana University

Thursday, October 1st 2015

Registration/Coffee and light breakfast

Welcome and introductory remarks

Panel 1

Invited theoretical overview
Two empirical studies within the framework
Discussion and questions

Lunch break

Panel 2

Invited theoretical overview
Two empirical studies within the framework
Discussion and questions

Coffee break

Conference dinner

Friday, October 2nd 2015

Registration/Coffee and light breakfast

Panel 3

Invited theoretical overview
Two empirical studies within the framework
Discussion and questions

Lunch break

Panel 4

Invited theoretical overview
Two empirical studies within the framework
Discussion and questions

Interlocutor individual differences: A scoping review

Symposium discussion

All invited speakers discuss themes throughout the conference; future directions and methodological considerations; open discussion

Concluding remarks