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# SHAPE

## *in Language & Cognition*

**June 8–9, 2026**
PARIS, FRANCE

INALCO Maison de la recherche
2 Rue de Lille, 75007 Paris

**FREE & OPEN TO ALL**

PROGRAMME

### Monday 8 June · from 14:30

**14:30** Welcome addresses

**15:00** Shape in spoken & signed languages across the world
*Pamela Perniss & Frank Seifart*

**15:30** Shape in vision & cognitive development
*Linda B. Smith & Mila Vulchanova*

**16:00** Round table: visual perception of shape & language
*With Östen Dahl, Jenny Saffran, Inge-Marie Eigsti, Jim Magnuson & Larissa Samuelson*

*Colloquium venue: Auditorium Georges Dumézil*

17:00–19:00 · Reception — all welcome
*Salons Borel et de Tassy*

### Tuesday 9 June · from 13:45

**13:45** Shape perception: beyond feed-forward theories
*Mary Peterson · Univ. of Arizona*

**14:30** Inheritance & diffusion of ungrounded concepts
*John Mansfield · Univ. of Zurich*

**15:15** Conventionalisation of tool labels in homesign
*Marie Coppola · Univ. of Connecticut*

**16:00** Round table: shape, diversity & sign language
*With Karla McGregor, Lynn Perry, Kenny Coventry, Jürgen Bohnemeyer & Caroline Larson*

**Online attendance — no registration required**
https://zoom.us/j/98346033268 Passcode: 024336

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