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Language in our hands: Visible communicative acts in gesture, sign and cognition

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ABSTRACT

As humans, probably as a unique capacity to our species, we are not only able to to manipulate objects around us by means of instrumental actions but also recruit our actions for purposes of communication as in the case of gestures used accompanying spoken languages and in sign languages used by deaf communities. As such visible and action based modes of representation are inherent to our language capacity in its most natural face-to-face use. I will present an overview of research conducted in Multimodal Language, Communication and Cognition (MLCC) lab that attempts to broaden the view of language structure, its use, processing and development and its cognitive underpinnings by taking into account both gestures used by speaking communities and sign languages used by deaf populations across languages and ages, using observational, experimental and neuroimaging techniques.