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# 2023 THE INSTITUTE FOR JAPANESE STUDIES PRESENTS:

## "MULTIPLE GRAMMAR MODEL"

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In this talk, I discuss the "Multiple Grammar" model to explore an individual speaker's cognitive organization of grammar. Although conversation plays a crucial role in the emergence of grammar, for some speakers in a literate society, the written language environment may also contribute to developing a grammar. The two language environments are expected to provide unique incentives to shaping grammar differently as they diverge greatly in terms of media types (sound vs graph), constraints (online processing vs detachment), and purposes (interaction vs ideational formation), among others. At the same time, speakers may come in contact with and acquire additional sets of grammar for specific genres. Though the grammars acquired in different genre environments may be merged at the most abstract level, each grammar contains genre-specific grammatical patterns. I will analyze different sets of spoken and written discourses produced by the same speaker to explore aspects of the "Multiple Grammar" model.



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