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Topics in the Study of Gesture

Four seminars presented by
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“Gesture” (“utterance-dedicated visible action”) refers to the ‘visible actions’ that people employ when *saying things* to one another, whether in association with speech or separately from it. We discuss the relationship between gesture and speech; its relevance for questions about the nature and limits of the concept of language; how the semiotic character of gesture alters according to how it is used in relation to other utterance modalities; the processes by which action may be transformed into symbolic or linguistic expression; how this has been treated in theories of language origins.

These seminars are free, but space is limited. To attend please register at:

<http://adamkendongesture.eventbrite.co.uk>

BSL interpretation will be provided if requested at the time of booking and at least 1 week before each lecture.

Adam Kendon, considered a leading authority on the study of gesture, was educated at Cambridge University and Oxford University. He has been the recipient of several prestigious awards and fellowships including the National Science Foundation, Washington, D. C., the Wenner-Gren Foundation, and a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, has held research positions at Oxford, Australian National University and Max Planck Institute of Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen and teaching appointments at Oxford, Cornell, University of Pennsylvania and at two universities in Italy. He is currently editor of the journal *GESTURE* and holds an Honorary Professorial appointment at UCL.

Daryll Forde Seminar Room,
14 Taviton Street, London, WC1H 0BW
12–2pm

February 13th

Seminar 1: The domain of “gesture” and a history of its study.

February 27th

Seminar 2: Gesture in collaboration with speech.

March 6th

Seminar 3: “Gesture”, “Sign” and the “language boundary”

March 13th

Seminar 4: Gesture in language origins theories

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