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- Focuses on the ways in which the learning, processing, and structure of language emerge from a competing set of cognitive, communicative, and biological constraints
- Examines forces on widely divergent timescales, from instantaneous neurolinguistic processing

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