Involved Disciplines
Linguistics, literary studies, psychology, psycholinguistics

Research Focus
We want to look at and discuss specific factors for how text-level and sentence-level interpretation influence each other. During the workshop we aim to refine our ideas of how text interpretation proceeds, and we are interested in whether there is evidence for an incremental or more dynamic text interpretation process. We want to investigate whether this might be dependent on specific language phenomena (especially context-dependent phenomena) or on specific text types (e.g., fictional vs. non-fictional texts) or both.

Approach
The core question behind the workshop is the question whether context-dependent phenomena have an impact on which strategy a reader or hearer pursues in the interpretation of a text as a whole, or whether the relation is reversed and global contextual factors influence how these phenomena are perceived and interpreted in a given text. The discussions will be guided by presentations of students and lectures of three invited scholars from different disciplines.

Invited speakers
Nigel Fabb (University of Strathclyde), Petra Schumacher (University of Köln), Richard Breheny (University College London)

Application
Graduate and doctoral students who wish to participate should apply with an introduction to their field of research as well as a proposal for a talk (30 mins + 15 mins discussion) until May 1st 2014 (1-2 pages). There is no fee. Accommodation for two nights will be paid.

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