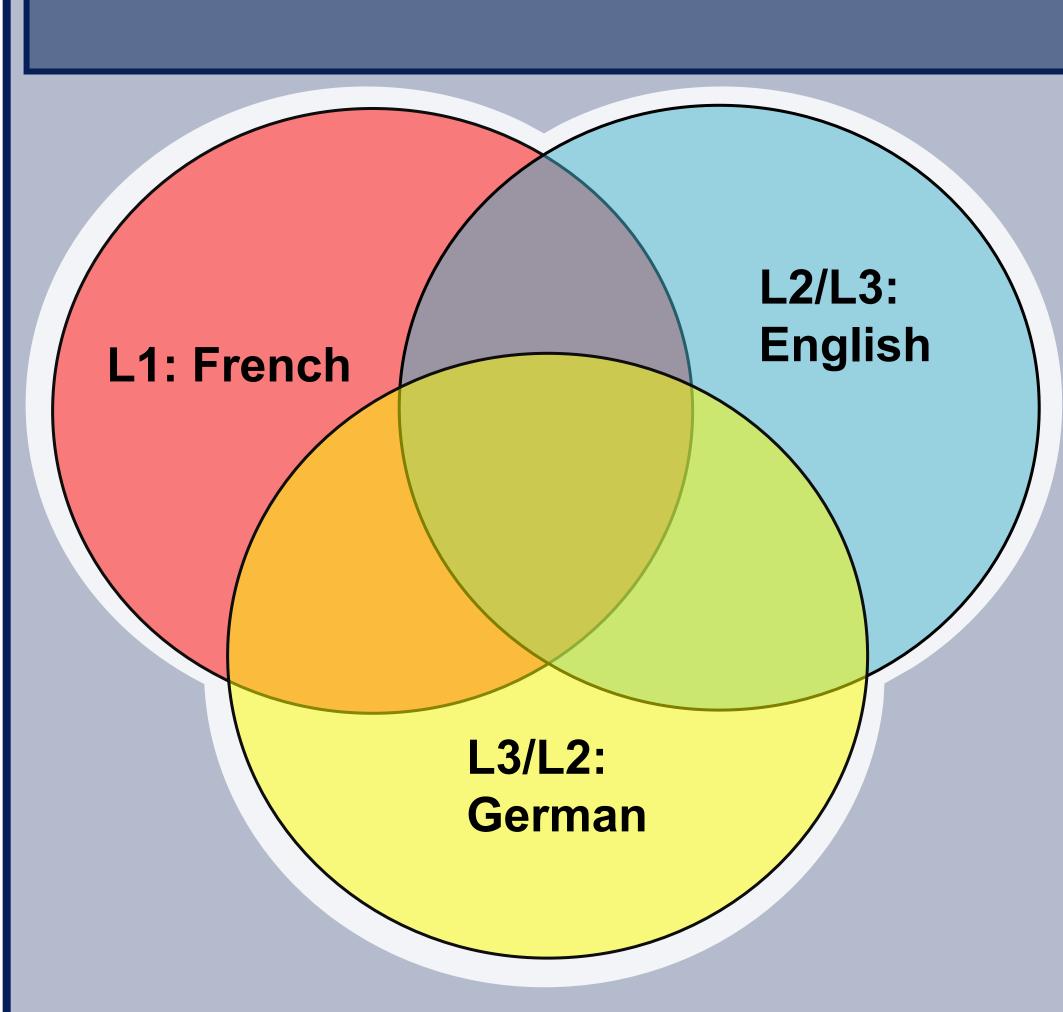


Hearing and Seeing Multilingualism: The Linguistic Reality of a Globalized Society Carina Ahrens

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Larger Project



Language access in multilingual brains

- Influence of language environment
- Influence of other languages: L1 vs. L2/L3

Speaker: Students of License Franco-Allemande in Germany

- Corporation between Germany and France
 - Students have to study in both countries
- Language Environment: L2/L3
 - German (learned in school, used in day-to-day life)
- Target language: L3/L2
 - English (learned in school, occasionally used)
- <u>L1</u>: still in use (occasionally)
 - French (learned as child, used to communicate with friends and family)

Language Environment and Stereotypes

Aim:

Investigate the influence of visual stereotypes on language production access while the participants are presented with multimodal and multilingual stimuli to create a multilingual environment.

Video use to facilitate language learning:

- Bisson et al. (2015): Multimodality helps vocabulary acquisition
- Guillory (1998): subtitle help understanding content of videos
- Eye (2016): audio and subtitles in L2 help lexical recall
- Mitter & McQueen (2009): interference effect if subtitles are in L1 but audio in L2

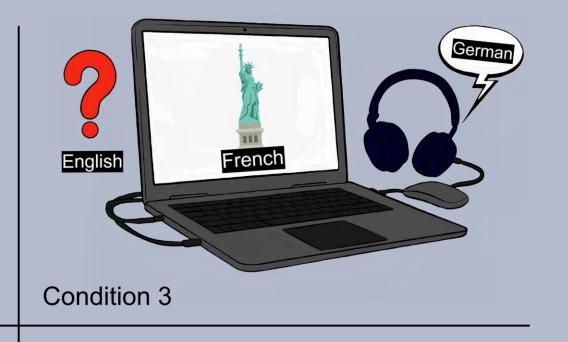
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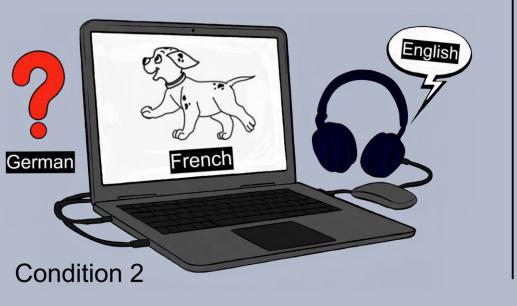
- (a) Video length: German English bilinguals
- Participants watch a series of videos (b) Stereotype survey in France

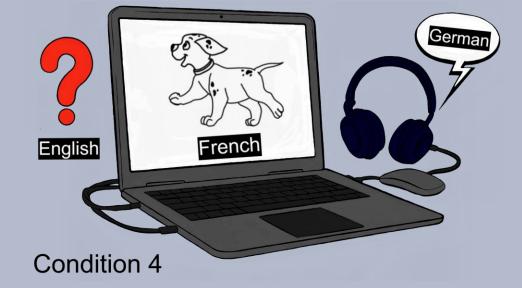
Design:

- French (L1) subtitles
- Audio in German (L2/L3) or English (L2/L3)
- Question in English (L3/L2) or German (L3/L2)
- Half of videos contain stereotypes connected to language of question
- Question needs to be answered in same language as asked in
- Measures: reaction time and language choice

German French Condition 1





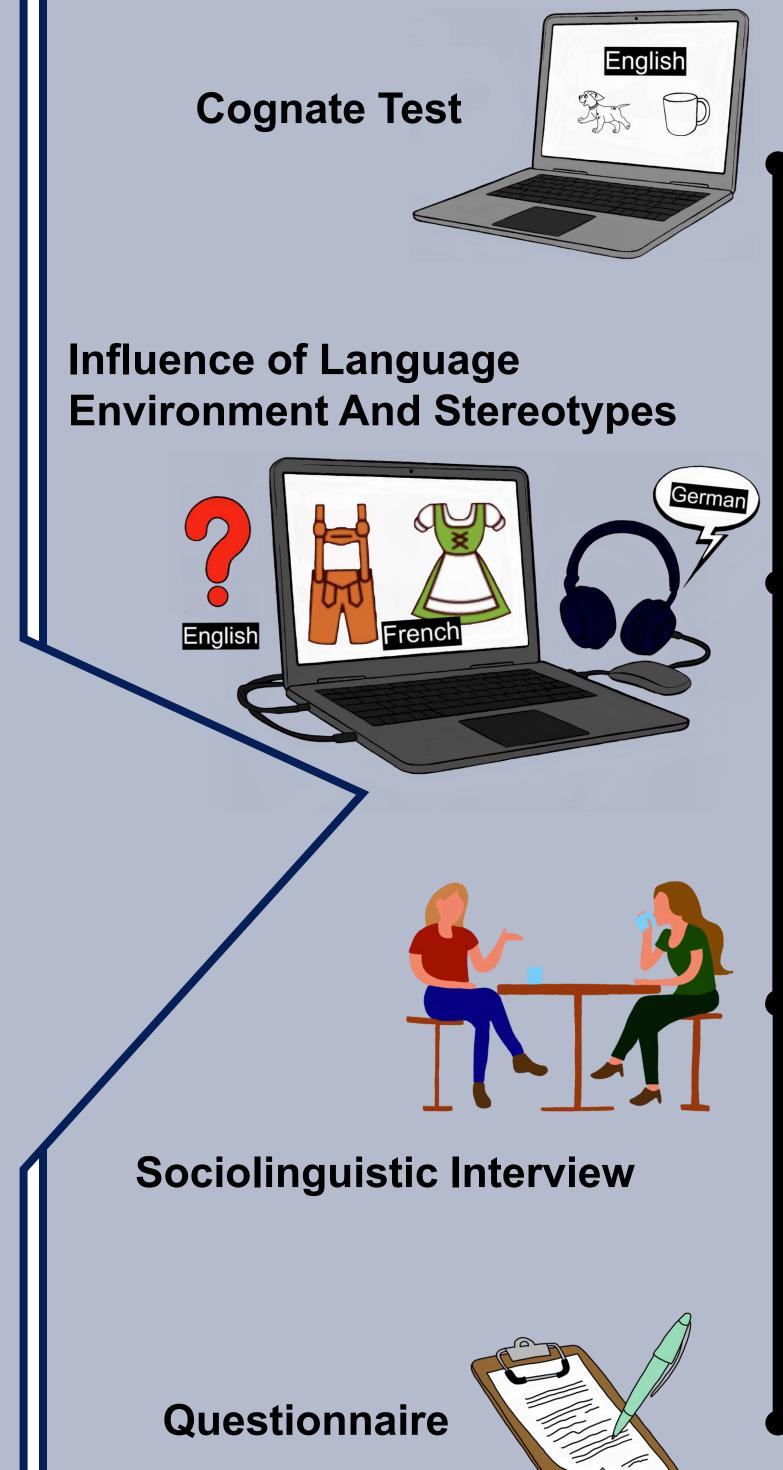


Hypotheses:

- Multilingual and multimodal stimuli lead to delay in reaction time
- Social stereotypes may increase likelihood of answering in third language and possibly reduce response time

Full Project

- Psycholinguistics:
 - 2 Experiments
 - Identifying dominant language
 - Determining influence of language environment
 - Determining influence of stereotypes
- Sociolinguistics: Interview





Any Questions?

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