



## Einladung zum öffentlichen Gastvortrag

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zum Thema

### **Auditory specialization in second-language phonetic perception**

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#### **Abstract**

Infants are born with language-universal perceptual capacities, and they become specialized through development to perceive the sounds used in their native language. Research in this area has most often suggested that this specialization occurs in linguistic categorization (e.g., phonetic categories, phonemes, or words). This talk will present research that suggests that this specialization also occurs at a pre-linguistic auditory level, and that there are multiple levels that become specialized, with production being relatively independent from perception. The talk will describe studies on the perception of English /r-/l/ by Japanese, German, and English speakers, and English /w-/v/ by Sinhala, Hindi, German, and English speakers.