

CIPL travel grant report: Julie Nijs

I presented my research about linguistic complexity in the West-Germanic languages at ICHL on September 5th. The research assess whether degree of language contact correlates with morphological complexity as well as word order rigidity in these languages. Morphological complexity and word order rigidity are measured using the mathematical notion of 'Kolmogorov complexity'. I was very glad to see that a lot of people were present during the presentation and that there was a lively discussion afterwards. From the discussion I gathered that there was a lot of interest in the methodology and I received some useful suggestions towards further improvement. Overall, it was a very positive and rewarding experience both in terms of gaining experience as a presenter and receiving useful feedback for my research.