



**1st SFB-Colloquium, Friday, 17 November 2017, 12.15 pm
House 14, Room 0.12**

At the joined invitation of projects B04 and B05

Dr. Filip Smolík (Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague) will give a talk in the
1st SFB-colloquium on Friday, 17 November 2017 on

**Experiments on gender, number, word order, and case marking in Czech
toddlers**

The talk will review three lines of work examining the early knowledge of grammatical devices in Czech in children aged below 2 to 5. One line shows that Czech children know something about grammatical gender before they reach their second birthday, and use it in predictive processing of incoming language. Another line focuses on the interaction of word order and case marking. This reveals that Czech children consider the SVO word order basic by 3 years of age but they can interpret sentences with non-canonical OVS word order at the age of 4 or earlier. Finally, a series of experiments on comprehending verb gender shows that children may have surprising problems with using grammatical information to interpret sentences.

Everyone is cordially invited.