

Prof. Chris Sinha: Career Resumé.

Chris Sinha is currently Visiting Professor at the Centre for Cognitive Semiotics, in the School of Languages and Literature (Linguistics), Lund University, Sweden. He gained his BA in Developmental Psychology at the University of Sussex and his doctorate at the University of Utrecht. Before moving to Lund in 2011, Chris taught in departments of Education, Psychology, and Language and Communication, in Britain, the Netherlands, Denmark and India, including two previous positions at full professor rank. He held the position of Head of the Department of Psychology at the University of Portsmouth, 2002-2005. He is an experienced plenary lecturer at international conferences and has been a lecturer at many graduate and research schools. He is currently President of the International Cognitive Linguistics Association, and General Editor of the journal *Language and Cognition*.

Research

Chris Sinha's central research interest is in the relations between language, cognition and culture, and a main aim of his research is to integrate cognitive linguistic with socio-cultural approaches to language and communication. He is experienced in field experimental and observational methods in human communication and human development. He has published widely in many disciplines, including anthropology, linguistics, education, evolutionary biology, connection science, as well as developmental and cultural psychology. He has held numerous research grants.

He was co-ordinator of the Language Acquisition and Cognition Network, funded by the Danish Research Council for the Humanities (1997-2001). He was Principal Investigator of the project "Cognition, Culture and Typology in Language Acquisition and Evolution", funded under the European Science Foundation EUROCORES research programme Origin of Man, Language and Languages (2002-2005); and University of Portsmouth Partner Leader for the project 'Stages in the Development and Evolution of Sign Use' (SEDSU), funded by the European Union under the 6th Framework PATHFINDER initiative 'What it Means to Be Human' (2005-2008). Chris Sinha was the main proposer for the European Science Foundation EUROCORES Programme "Understanding and Misunderstanding: Cognition, Communication and Culture", which was adopted by the ESF General Council in 2010.

Appointments (since 2000)

2011 - Visiting Professor, School of Languages and Literature (Linguistics), Lund University.
2002-2011 Professor of Psychology of Language, University of Portsmouth.
(September 2002-February 2005 Head of Department of Psychology).
2009 (August) University Visiting Professorship (Catedrático), Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil.
2010 (September) Centre Visiting Professorship, Lund University, Centre for Cognitive Semiotics.
2000-2002 Professor in Language and Cognition, University of Southern Denmark, Institute of Language and Communication.

Honorary Positions

October 2005 – September 2007. First President, UK Cognitive Linguistics Association.
July 2011 - President, International Cognitive Linguistics Association.

Current Journal Editorship

General Editor, *Language and Cognition* (Mouton de Gruyter: launched 2009; CUP: from 2013)

Current Journal Editorial Boards

2007 onwards *Cognitive Semiotics*. Founding member, international editorial board.
2010 onwards *Frontiers in Cultural Psychology*. Review Editorial Board.

Current Book Series Editorial Boards

2008 onwards *China International Forum on Cognitive Linguistics*. Foreign Language Teaching and Research Press, Beijing.

2005 onwards *Advances in Cognitive Linguistics*. Equinox Publishers.

2010 onwards. *SAPERE*. Springer Publishers.

Research Evaluation Activities (since 2008, not including single grant reviews)

2011, 2012 Expert Panel member, EU Research Executive Agency, FP 7 Marie Curie Fellowships.

2010 External consultant for DFG Large Grant Proposal, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich.

2008 International Expert Panel member (Philosophy/Languages), Lund University Research Quality Assurance 2008.

Lecture Invitations (since 2008)

11 Keynote and Plenary lectures at international conferences

12 invited symposium / workshop lectures

Series of 10 Lectures on Language, Culture and Mind at the 6th China International Forum on Cognitive Linguistics (Beijing, December 2008).

Impact Case Study

The research I led into the language and cultural conceptualization of time in an indigenous Amazonian language has attracted global media attention since being carried by the BBC in 2011, and was prominently featured in 2012 in an episode of the Discovery Science TV series *Through the Wormhole with Morgan Freeman*: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E62CyDhsAFU>

Publications since 2008

Journal articles

Sinha, C. (submitted) Language and other artefacts: dynamics of niche construction.

Sinha, C. (2011) A life without time. *New Scientist* Vol 212 No. 2833: 47 (8 October 2011).

Sinha, C., Silva Sinha, V. da, Zinken, J. and Sampaio, W. (2011) When Time is not Space: The social and linguistic construction of time intervals and temporal event relations in an Amazonian culture. *Language and Cognition*, 3(1): 137-169.

Sinha, C. (2009) Objects in a storied world: materiality, narrativity and normativity. *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 16 (6-8): 167-190.

Monographs

Sinha, C. (in preparation) *Language and Representation: Epigenetic Socio-Naturalism*. 2nd extended edition to be published by Equinox. (First edition 1988).

Sinha, C. (in preparation) *Linguagem, Cultura, Cognição* [Language, Culture, Cognition]. Portuguese language edition of collected papers, edited by Ana Flávia Gerhardt. São Paulo, Parabola.

Sinha C. (2010) *Languages, Culture and Mind. 10 lectures on development, evolution and cognitive linguistics*. Beijing: Foreign Language Teaching and Research Press. xxi+287 pp.

Edited volume

Zlatev, J., Racine, T., Sinha, C. and Itkonen, I. (eds.) (2008) *The Shared Mind. Perspectives on Intersubjectivity*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. Xiii + 391 pp.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- Sinha, C. (in preparation) Language, Culture and the (non-) Universality of Linguistic Space-Time Mapping. In Filipović, L. and Pütz, M. *Multilingual Cognition and Language Use: Processing and Typological Perspectives*. Human Cognitive Processing Volume proposal to John Benjamins.
- Sinha, C. and Bernardez, E. (in preparation) Language and cultural embodiment: Space, Time and Space-Time. In Sharifian, F. (Ed.) *The Routledge Handbook of Language and Culture*.
- Silva Sinha, V. and Sinha C. (in preparation) Finding ourselves in time: Self, language and culture. In Barbara Lewandowska-Tomaszczyk (Ed.) *Time and Temporality in Language and Human Experience*. Volume proposal to Oxford University Press.
- Sinha, C. (2013, in press) Living in the model: The cognitive ecology of time - a comparative study. In Magnani, L. (Ed.) *Model-Based Reasoning in Science and Technology. Theoretical and Cognitive Issues*. Series *SAPERE* (Studies in Applied Philosophy, Epistemology and Rational Ethics), Heidelberg/Berlin: Springer.
- Sinha, C. (2013, in press) Niche construction and semiosis: biocultural and social dynamics. In Dor, D., Knight, C. and Lewis, J. (Eds.) *The Social Origins of Language*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Sinha, C. (2013, in press) Meaning and materiality: How language grounds symbolic cognitive artefacts (in translation). In Moro, C. & Muller Mirza, N. (Eds.) *Psychologie du développement, sémiotique et culture*. Paris: Presses du Septentrion.
- Sinha, C. (2012) (Dis-)Continuity, (inter-)corporeality and conventionality in dialogical development. Commentary on Gratier & Bertau and Lyra. In M.-C. Bertau, M. M. Gonçalves and P.T.F. Raggatt (Eds.) *Dialogic Formations. Investigations into the Origins and Development of the Dialogical Self*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing, pp. 145-153.
- Silva Sinha, V., Sinha, C., Sampaio, W. and Zinken, J. (2012) Event-based time intervals in an Amazonian culture. In Luna Filipović and Kasia Jaszczolt (Eds.) *Space and Time in Languages and Cultures II: Language, Culture, and Cognition*. Human Cognitive Processing Series 37. Amsterdam: John Benjamins, pp. 15-35.
- Sinha, C. (2011) Iconology and imagination in human development. In Armin W. Geertz and Jeppe Sinding Jensen (Eds.) *Religious Narrative, Cognition and Culture: Image and Word in the Mind of Narrative*. London: Equinox Publishing, pp. 97-116.
- Sinha, C. (2009) Language as a biocultural niche and social institution. In Vyvyan Evans and Stéphanie Pourcel (Eds.) *New Directions in Cognitive Linguistics*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins, pp. 289-310.
- Sampaio, W., Sinha, C. & Silva Sinha, V. da. (2009) Mixing and mapping: motion, path and manner in Amondawa. In Jiansheng Guo, Elena Lieven, Nancy Budwig, Susan Ervin-Tripp, Kei Nakamura, Şeyda Özçalışkan (eds.) *Crosslinguistic Approaches to the Study of Language. Research in the tradition of Dan Isaac Slobin*. London and New York: Psychology Press, pp. 427-439.
- Sinha, C. and Rodríguez, C. (2008) Language and the signifying object: from convention to imagination. In J. Zlatev, T. Racine, C. Sinha and E. Itkonen (eds.) *The Shared Mind: Perspectives on intersubjectivity*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins, pp. 358-378.

Reviews, introductions, commentaries

- Sinha, C. (2013, in press) Niche construction, too, unifies praxis and symbolization. Commentary on Michael Arbib: How the brain got language. *Language and Cognition*.
- Sinha, C. (2012) Commentary on Joao Queiroz: The semiotic evolution of toolmaking: the role of symbols for work towards delayed reward. *Intellectica* 2012/2 (58): 295-296.
- Sinha, C. (2009) Review of Daniel D. Hutto: *Folk Psychological Narratives: The sociocultural basis of understanding reasons*. *Language and Cognition* 1(1) 137-143.
- Zlatev, J., Racine, T., Sinha, C. & Itkonen, I. (2008) Introduction to *The Shared Mind. Perspectives on Intersubjectivity*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins, pp. 1-14.