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***“Models and Mechanisms of Multisensory Speech
Perception”***

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Speech is the most important mode of human communication and speech perception is multi-sensory, making use of both auditory information from the talker’s voice and visual information from the talker’s face. Surprisingly, some individuals make little use of visual speech information, while others are strongly influenced by it. In this seminar, I will discuss our attempts to construct Bayesian models, specifically models of causal inference, to understand why this might be. At the neural level, we have used electrocorticography (ECoG), fMRI and TMS to understand the neural substrates of multisensory speech perception. These studies have revealed that the human superior temporal sulcus (STS) is a key node in the brain network for speech perception. ECoG studies of the neuronal dynamics of integration suggest that low-frequency coupling between visual cortex and STS may gate the processing of visual speech information. Suggestive evidence for a relationship between individual differences in eye movements and multisensory speech perception will be presented.