

# In Conversation with Prof. Jason Rothman and Team: Bilingual Language Acquisition and Navigating Academia

**Speakers:**  
**Prof. Jason Rothman, Lancaster University**  
**Dr. Jiuzhou Hao, The University of Edinburgh**  
**Dr. Jia'en Yee, Lancaster University**

**Date: 5 May, 2026 (Tuesday)**  
**Venue: Rm 220, Fung King Hey Building**  
**Time: 15:00-16:30**  
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## Speakers Bio

### Prof. Jason Rothman, Lancaster University

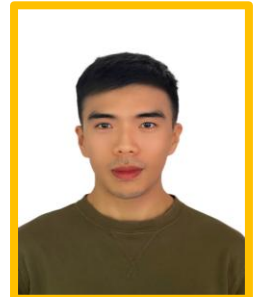
Prof. Rothman is Professor in Psycholinguistics and Cognitive Science in the Department of Linguistics and English Language at Lancaster University. He also holds an adjunct professorship at UiT The Arctic University of Norway and Nebrija University in Spain. His research examines language acquisition and real-time processing in bi-/multilinguals (especially heritage speakers), and how language experience relates to cognitive and brain outcomes across development. He is the founding editor of *Linguistic Approaches to Bilingualism* and has also held leadership roles in major bilingualism publication venues and research groups. He has published extensively in high impact peer reviewed journals, including *Nature*, *Cognition*, *Applied Psycholinguistics*, etc.



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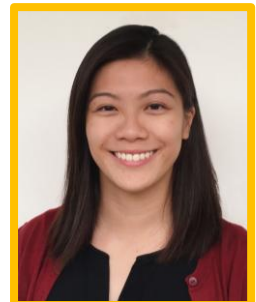
Dr Hao is a developmental psycho-/neuro-linguist. He is currently a Research Associate in the School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences at the University of Edinburgh, funded by the Leverhulme Trust, where he also received his PhD. He previously held postdoctoral positions at UiT The Arctic University of Norway, including a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship. His research examines language development and processing in monolingual and bilingual children and adults, with and without neurodevelopmental disorders, focusing on how individual differences and language experience shape linguistic behaviour, cognition, and neural processing. His work has appeared in journals including *Journal of Child Language*, *Studies in Second Language Acquisition*, *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*, *Second Language Research*, etc.



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### Dr. Jia'en Yee, Lancaster University

Dr Yee is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellow in the School of Social Sciences, Lancaster University. Her research interests lie at the intersection of psychology, neuroscience and linguistics, where she uses behavioural and neuroimaging approaches to examine how bi-/multilingual experience relates to neurocognitive outcomes. She has also conducted research in education, including work on digital literacies and generative AI.



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