

A SOFT RELAUNCH OF THE  
**GVO UCONN WORKSHOP ON COGNITION AND DYNAMICS**  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PETIT VERSION OF THE  
**HILL PERIPATETIC CONFERENCE**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Special format: Participants have 5 min to ask questions about issues that have been nagging them in dynamics, methodology, philosophy, and so on. Each will be followed by 10 min of initial consideration by the group. Further discussion will occur during breaks, meals, and walks in the Wolf Rock Nature Preserve. All talks will take place on the GVO Memorial Deck. Given the outdoor venue, no presentation technology will be available.

- 11:00 *Claudia Carello (CESPA, UConn) & Joanna Rączaszek-Leonardi (HILL, University of Warsaw)*  
[Introductory remarks](#)
- 11:15 *Claire Michaels (CESPA, University of Connecticut)*  
[What is a symbol? How are symbols to be distinguished from information in the Gibsonian sense?](#)
- 11:30 *Damian Kelty-Stephen (SUNY–New Paltz)*  
[What is a constraint?](#)
- 11:45 *Joanna Rączaszek-Leonardi (HILL, University of Warsaw)*  
[How are symbols dependent on form replication?](#)
- 12:00 Break
- 12:30 *Heidi Kloos (University of Cincinnati)*  
[When do thermodynamic systems make errors?](#)
- 12:45 *Ben De Bari (Thomas Jefferson University)*  
[What can we learn from failures to utilize symbolic constraints on dynamics?](#)
- 1:00 *Maria Zimmermann (University of Warsaw)*  
[How can ecological accounts of perception and cognition be meaningfully integrated with cognitive neuroscience?](#)
- 1:15 *Nathan Lautz (Language & Cognition, University of Connecticut)*  
[From an ecological perspective, how does one account for experiences that seem representational?](#)
- 1:30-3:30—Lunch (front garden)
- 3:30 *Zach Buck (CESPA, University of Connecticut)*  
[Insight, flow, and unitive experience](#)
- 3:45 *Mohammad Saraei (CESPA, University of Connecticut)*  
[How do religious/spiritual experiences happen?](#)
- 4:00 *Whit Tabor (Language & Cognition, University of Connecticut)*  
[What is a tool?](#)
- 4:15 *Hyosun Lee (Language & Cognition, University of Connecticut)*  
[Do human beings possess an inherent propensity to diverge?](#)
- 4:30 Break
- 5:00 *Konrad Zieliński (HILL, University of Warsaw)*  
[What makes an interaction “natural/neutral/normal?”](#)
- 5:15 *Kerry Marsh (CESPA, University of Connecticut)*  
[What is the environment?](#)
- 5:30 *Frédéric Deschênes (Heidelberg University)*  
[What is resonance in ecological psychology?](#)
- 5:45 *Bert Hodges (CESPA, University of Connecticut)*  
[Can ecological psychology be more than a resistance movement?](#)
- 6:00 *Pierogi & Goląbki Dinner followed by Sweet William’s Pub*

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and the Human Interactivity and Language Lab (**HILL**), University of Warsaw