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Workshop

### **Accommodation in Verbal and Nonverbal Behavior**

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This workshop explores the manifestations and consequences of verbal and non-verbal accommodation in conversational interaction. Accommodation can be described as the interactants' tendency to become more (convergence) and sometimes less similar (divergence) to each other in conversational interaction. Accommodation has been documented at different linguistic levels, and a number of non-verbal behaviors such as co-speech gestures, body posture, and visual contact have been suggested to facilitate rapport, mutual liking, and coordination of collaborative tasks. The aim of this workshop is to bring together researchers working on verbal or non-verbal accommodation. In particular, we are interested in bridging the gap between quantitative and qualitative approaches to accommodation research and discuss more general, overarching questions regarding the manifestations and consequences of accommodation.