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### **Syntactic and Prosodic properties of interrogatives in Italian.**

In the first part of the talk, I will investigate the role of prosody in the perception of *wh*-exclamatives and (information-seeking) *wh*-interrogatives in Cosenza Italian, a Southern Italian variety spoken in Calabria (see Kellert, Panizza and Petrone 2018). In the second part, I will discuss syntactic and phonological properties of interrogative particles in Italian and Tuscan dialects and show how these properties interact with the meaning of interrogatives (Kellert 2015, Lauschus & Kellert 2016, Kellert 2017).

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