



# **BROWN BAG LUNCH PRESENTATION SERIES**

## *Recasts, Grammatical Morphemes, and L2 Learning: A Longitudinal Case Study of Korean L2 Learners*

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306 Russell (The TC Library)

### **Abstract:**

This presentation will showcase a longitudinal case study that investigates the effects of intensive recasts on L2 learners' knowledge and use of English grammatical morphemes, in particular, using a time-series design. Two Korean L2 learners' knowledge of the target forms was tested immediately prior to the intervention and again following the post-intervention period, while their use of the target forms was examined throughout the sessions. Results showed that recasts led to considerable improvement as far as the learners' overall accuracy in their knowledge and use of the target forms; the gains were sustained in their oral and written performance in the post-intervention period as well. However, the findings also suggested that recasts had a differential impact on the improvement of the ability to use the grammatical morphemes. Possible variables accounting for the results, including learners' developmental readiness, the intensity of intervention, and learners' prior knowledge of first language (L1) morphology, will be reviewed critically. The presentation will also highlight how the obligatory contexts for recasts created in naturalistic interaction, which could be traced back to the learners' tendency to use certain grammatical morphemes more frequently on such an occasion, might have been a constraining factor working against the efficacy of recasts.

AMPLE TIME WILL BE PROVIDED FOR QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION.

THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH; BEVERAGES AND DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED.

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