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Expressing sarcasm in a second language: The effect of prosodic training on perceived sarcasm and production

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Sarcasm occurs frequently in everyday communication and is typically expressed via prosody. However, speakers usually experience difficulty with expressing sarcasm prosodically in a second language. In this talk, I will discuss the efficacy of short explicit training in improving L2 English learners' ability to express sarcasm prosodically, what can be improved in learners' prosodic production as a result of such training, and how the improvement is related to L1 transfer and L2 learning in the light of recent work in my group on native speakers of English and Dutch and advanced Dutch learners of English.