

**Mestrado em Linguística Portuguesa**  
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## *Conferência*

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### *Early acquisition of intonation in Catalan*

The presentation will focus on the development of intonation  $f_0$  patterns in four Catalan-speaking children between the ages of 12 and 26 months approximately. Pitch contours were acoustically analyzed in all meaningful utterances produced by each child, for a total of 6,090 utterances. Contrary to what has been claimed in the literature, our results reveal that children's emerging intonation is largely independent of grammatical development. The four children clearly master the production of a wide variety of language-specific pitch accents and boundary tones well before they produced two-word combinations, regardless of the fact that the age for two-word production was 1;6 for two of the children (Pep, Guillem) and 2;0 for the other two (Laura, Gisel·la).

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