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multilingual language users process social information and the potential impact of multilingualism on creativity. He will review existing linguistic and psycholinguistic research on multilingualism and social cognition, and report ongoing investigations that seek to understand the dynamics of multilingualism and the links with creative and critical thinking.

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