

Panel discussion
Wednesday, September 15th

Chairperson: Helene Füger [UniFR]

Speaker *Andrei Popescu-Belis (IDIAP)*

Situation Andrei Popescu-Belis is a senior researcher at Idiap, Martigny, in the field of natural language processing by computers. His wife, Sandrine Zufferey, is a senior research assistant at the University of Geneva, in linguistics and pragmatics. Andrei's activity involves mainly research and project supervision, while Sandrine's activity involves teaching, research, and student supervision. Both have full time jobs. They have a son who is 2.5 years old, and a daughter who is four months old. They live in Lausanne and commute to work, but also work at home from time to time. Their major time constraint is the day care of the children.

Speaker *Mathew Magimai-Doss*

Situation coming soon.

Speaker *Jean-Philippe Thiran (EPFL)*

Situation Jean-Philippe Thiran is an Assistant Professor at the EPFL and director of the signal Processing Lab (LTS5). His wife, Dr Anne Bellmann Thiran, has a PhD in neuropsychologist and she is the head of the neuropsychology unit, Clinique Romande de Réadaptation (CRR-SUVA) in Sion. They have 3 kids (7, 5, 3 years old). Jean-Philippe has a full time job and and Anne is working at 60%.

Speakers *Anja Kunze (EPFL) and Dominique Zosso (EPFL)*

Situation Anja Kunze is a PhD Student at Microsystems Laboratory LMIS4 at EPFL with Prof. Ph. Renaud, Feb 2008-2012 (expected). She received her MSc in electrical engineering from TU Dresden (Germany) in 2007.

Dominique Zosso is a PhD Student at Signal Processing Laboratory LTS5 with Prof. J.P. Thiran, Sept 2007-2011 (expected). He received his MSc in electrical engineering from EPFL in 2006.

They have two kids (2.5 years old - twins). They are both working as research assistant full time. The kids are at the EPFL kindergarten Polychinelle four days a week and one day with their grandmother. The most challenging is the financial situation, because two 75% PhD salaries barely cover a family's cost of living.