Your final evaluation in this course consists of a group project (four students per group) which includes a **WRITTEN DOCUMENT** (20%) and a **GROUP PRESENTATION** (20%) during Week 9 or 10. This course doesn't have a final exam, but presence during the group presentations is mandatory. The project consists of the following:

Imagine you are a member of a team of scientists working in a research university and your job is to investigate a specific scientific question in the domain of **gesture and cognition** (including potential applications to other fields such as education, understanding conceptual systems in science and mathematics, etc). In order to conduct your investigation, you need to secure funding, and therefore you need to conceive a mini-grant proposal to be submitted to some funding agencies.

The mini-grant proposal, which has to be presented **orally** and with a **written document**, must include:

(a) a specific research question (e.g., what contextual factors influence the choice of articulator while pointing?; are emblems mainly produced with the dominant hand? etc.)
(b) a brief analysis providing the theoretical background for understanding the **rationale** and the **relevance** of the selected question
(c) a description and analyses of specific gestures (i.e., videos) that illustrate the phenomenon to be investigated in the proposed project (e.g., relevant pointings, emblems, metaphorical gestures, environmentally coupled gestures, etc.).
(d) a brief description of how the proposed research is to be conducted (i.e., provide a general description of the 'imaginary' proposed experiment or ethnographic/observational study).
(e) references
GROUP PRESENTATION:

The presentation will be 20 minutes long (with 15 minutes of actual presentation and 5 minutes for questions and answers), and it will take place during class (Week 9 or 10). Contact TA Joey jorelafo@ucsd.edu to register your group (with the four names and a tentative title) and provide a preferred presentation day. **Deadline to register your group:** Tuesday 2/21 (class time).

**Please note that in order to be registered in a group you must have turned in Homework 1.**

For your presentation, feel free to use overhead slides, hand-outs, etc. If you are using videos from the internet, please provide the source of your examples (e.g. give the URL if you found it online, or give the name of the publication and date if you found it in print).

WRITTEN DOCUMENT:

The written document of the project should be 8 pages long (maximum, excluding references), and it should elaborate, in a **scholarly manner**, on the material presented orally (this is not just about printing your presentation slides on paper!). Use Times New Roman font, 12pt, one-and-a-half spacing, with normal margins (1" top and bottom, 1.25" sides). The written document is due in class (hardcopy only), on Thursday 3/16 (week 10).

Have (a lot of) fun!!