Swallowing in conversation

Swallowing is one of a family of practices (along with e.g. in- and out-breaths, sniffs, sighs etc) that are made in the vocal tract, and occur alongside, or embedded within, speech. In this talk I will explore some of the ways in which swallowing can be embedded within talk, and consider what these patterns of embedding tell us about the linguistic organisation of talk. By looking at swallowing in the contexts of "more talk projected" vs. "no more talk projected", I will focus on talk as something emergent, where one of the key tasks for participants is to work out what they or another will do next. The examples we look at will also show some common practices of talk-in-interaction, such as word searches and affective displays; in discussion, we might think more about how we ground the analysis of such events in participants' own displayed behaviours.