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Annotating sign language using a dedicated glyph system.

Background

The problems about the existing systems: on one hand, we have glyptic systems (Hamnosys, Sign Writing) that are difficult to read or to write, on the other hand, we have phonological systems that are too linear.

Purpose of this project

Design a typeface for the annotation of SL respectful of the phonology of SL, of design rules, readable at several levels (parameter, sign), writeable, searchable (in ELAN framework) and allowing a gestural annotation.

Why Eccarius & Brentari?

The corpus of Eccarius & Brentari (2008) covers 237 handshapes of 9 SL (Hong Kong, Japanese, British, Swedish, Israeli, Danish, German, Swiss German and American) and its level of selection represents the most economical way.

- / extended
- < flat open
- > flat closed
- C curved open (wide)
- c curved open (narrow)
- [bent
- o curved closed
- @ closed
- k stacked
- x crossed

