Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 20

April 29 - May 1, 2010
University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University
Vancouver, BC, Canada

Location: SFU Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings Street (downtown Vancouver)
All talk sessions are in 1700 Labatt Hall; poster sessions are in 1400-1410 Segal Centre.

Conference Program

Thursday, April 29

12:30 – 2:00   *Registration*

2:00 – 2:10   *Opening and welcome*

Special Session on the Semantics/Pragmatics Interface
Chair: Lisa Matthewson

2:10 – 2:50   David Beaver (University of Texas, Austin)
Craige Roberts (Ohio State University)
Mandy Simons (Carnegie Mellon University)
Judith Tonhauser (Ohio State University)
What projects and why

2:50 – 3:30   Scott AnderBois
Adrian Brasoveanu
Robert Henderson (University of California, Santa Cruz)
Crossing the appositive/at-issue meaning boundary

3:30 – 4:10   Raffaella Bernardi (Free University of Bozen/Bolzano)
Chris Barker (New York University)
Principles of interdimensional meaning interaction

4:10 – 4:30   *Break*

Special Session on the Semantics/Pragmatics Interface (Continued)
Chair: Nancy Hedberg

4:30 – 5:10   Kyle Rawlins (Johns Hopkins University)
Conversational backoff

5:10 – 5:50   Márta Abrusán (University of Oxford)
Triggering verbal presuppositions

5:50 – 6:00   *Break*

6:00 – 7:00   **Invited Speaker:** Christopher Potts (Stanford University)
Emergent expressivity

Chair: Hotze Rullmann

Friday, April 30

8:30 – 9:00 *Continental breakfast*

Talk Session 1
Chair: Michael Rochemont

9:00 – 9:40 Giorgos Spathas (University of Utrecht)
Focus on reflexive anaphors

9:40 – 10:20 Clemens Mayr (Harvard University)
Updating alternatives: Focus on bound pronouns

10:20 – 10:40 *Break*

Talk Session 2
Chair: Tamina Stephenson

10:40 – 11:20 Paolo Santorio (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Modals are monsters: On indexical binding in English

11:20 – 1:00 **Poster Session 1** (see page 4)

1:00 – 2:50 *Lunch*

Talk Session 3
Chair: Tamina Stephenson

2:50 – 3:30 Ivano Caponigro (University of California, San Diego)
Lisa Pearl (University of California, Irvine)
Neon Brooks (University of Chicago)
David Barner (University of California, San Diego)
Acquiring maximality in free relatives and definite descriptions

3:30 – 4:10 Anamaria Falaus (University of Nantes)
The importance of being small: An implicature-based approach to epistemic indefinites

4:10 – 4:30 *Break*

Talk Session 4
Chair: Yael Sharvit

4:30 – 5:10 Henry Davis (University of British Columbia)
Salish languages lack generalized quantifiers after all!

5:10 – 5:50 Orin Percus (University of Nantes)
Uncovering the concealed question (and some shifty types)

5:50 – 6:00 *Break*

6:00 – 7:00 **Invited Speaker:** Jason Stanley (Rutgers University)
How we speak of knowing how
Chair: Jeff Pelletier

Saturday, May 1

8:30 – 9:00   *Continental breakfast*

9:00 – 10:00 **Invited Speaker:** Anna Papafragou (University of Delaware)
The acquisition of meaning: Evidentiality in semantics and cognition

Chair: Chung-hye Han

Talk Session 5
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10:00 – 10:40 E. Matthew Husband (Michigan State University / Brown University)
Compositional states

10:40 – 11:00 *Break*

Talk Session 6
Chair: Chris Barker

11:00 – 11:40 Andrew McKenzie (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)
Subject domain restriction and reference-tracking

11:40 – 1:00 **Poster Session 2** (see page 5)

1:00 – 2:50 *Lunch* (Business Meeting 1:00 – 1:30 in Labatt Hall)

Talk Session 7
Chair: Chris Barker

2:50 – 3:30 Zhaohui Luo (University of London)
Type-theoretical semantics with coercive subtyping

3:30 – 4:10 Daniel Lassiter (New York University)
Gradable epistemic modals, probability and scale structure

4:10 – 4:30 *Break*

Talk Session 8
Chair: Fritz Newmeyer

4:30 – 5:10 Yusuke Kubota (University of Tokyo)
Ai Matsui (Michigan State University)
*Modes of comparison and question under discussion: evidence from
'contrastive comparison' in Japanese*

5:10 – 5:50 Junko Shimoyama
Bernhard Schwarz (McGill University)
*Negative islands, gradable predicates, and discreteness of measurement in
Japanese*

5:50 – 6:00 *Break*

6:00 – 7:00 **Invited Speaker:** Martina Faller (University of Manchester)
A possible worlds semantics for (illocutionary) evidentials

Chair: Lisa Matthewson

7:15   **PARTY** (Steamworks Restaurant 375 Water Street)

Poster Session 1 (1400-1410 Segal Centre, Fri, April 30, 11:20 – 1:00)

Alan Bale (Concordia University)
Michael Gagnon (University of Maryland)
Hrayr Khanjian (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Cross-linguistic representations of numerals and number marking

Sigrid Beck (University of Tübingen)
Rullmann ambiguities as plural comparisons

Isabelle Charnavel (University of California, Los Angeles / Institut Jean-Nicod)
On le même 'the same' in French

Simon Charlow (New York University)
De re *anaphors*

Ashwini Deo
Mokshay Madiman (Yale University)
Generic sentences and subjective probability

Manizeh Khan
Hazel Pearson
Jesse Snedeker (Harvard University)
Even more evidence for the emptiness of plurality: An experimental investigation of plural interpretation as a species of scalar implicature
(Alternate Talk)

Yusuke Kubota (University of Tokyo)
Marking aspect along a scale: The semantics of -te iku *and* -te kuru *in Japanese*

Meagan Louie (University of British Columbia)
Deriving repetition with additive focus particles in Blackfoot

Oana Lungu
Orin Percus (University of Nantes)
Simultaneous analyses for simultaneous present

Osamu Sawada (Kyoto University/JSPS)
The meanings of positive polarity minimizers in Japanese: A unified approach

Yael Sharvit (University of Connecticut)
A third reading for specificational subjects

Guillaume Thomas (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Incremental more *and event pluractionality in English*

Lyn Shan Tieu (University of Connecticut)
On the acquisition of a disjunctive licensing condition in semantics

Poster Session 2 (1400-1410 Segal Centre, Sat, May 1, 11:40 – 1:00)

Scott AnderBois (University of California, Santa Cruz)
Sluicing as anaphora to issues

Ana Aguilar Guevara
Joost Zwarts (University of Utrecht)
Weak definites and reference to kinds

Nicholas Asher (CNRS/IRIT, Toulouse)
Sylvain Pogodalla (LORIA/INRIA, Nancy–Grand Est)
A Montegovian treatment of modal subordination

David Barner (University of California, San Diego)
Alan Bale (Concordia University)
Neon Brooks (University of Chicago)
Quantity implicature and access to scalar alternatives in language acquisition

M. Ryan Bochnak (University of Chicago)
Quantity and gradability across categories

David P. Hall
Ivano Caponigro (University of California, San Diego)
On the semantics of temporal when-clauses

Stefan Hinterwimmer (Humboldt University, Berlin*)*
The metalinguistic use of vague predicates in conditionals

Natalia Ivlieva (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Universal laziness of pronouns

Naoko Komoto (University of Washington)
Internal past, external past, and counterfactuality: evidence from Japanese

Sveta Krasikova (University of Tübingen)
Sufficiency reading of anankastic modals

Giorgio Magri (Institut Jean-Nicod, ENS)
A new argument for embedded scalar implicatures

Tamina Stephenson (Yale University)
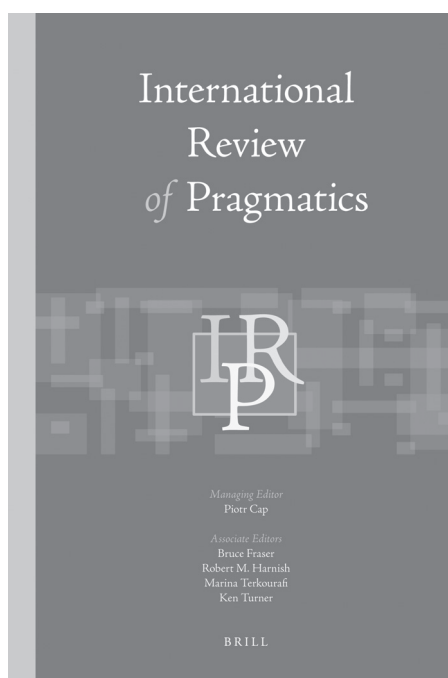*Imagining contradictions (Alternate Talk)*
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