Investigating Semantics: Empirical and Philosophical Approaches

Ruhr-University Bochum, October 10-12, 2013

Thursday, 10 October 2013						
09:00 - 09:30	Welcome / Registration					
09:30 - 10:30	Emma Borg: Facing the Evidence: What can Empirical Facts Tell us about Semantics?					
	Chair: Markus Werning					
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break					
	Semantics-Pragmatics Interface I GAFO 03/252 Chair: Anton Benz	Lexicon I: Context-Sensitivity GAFO 03/901 Chair:	Meaning and Reasoning GAFO 03/974 Chair: Justine Jacot			
	Chair Finish Still					
11:00 - 11:30	Martin Schäfer	Minyao Huang	Bernhard Fisseni, Benedikt Löwe & Bernhard Schröder			
	Semantic transparency of compounds and the	Bottom-up or Top-down Context Sensitivity?	The Empirical Quest for 'Zahlendreher'			
	semantics/pragmatics boundary					
		Erica Cosentino	Mariusz Urbański			
11:30 – 12:00	Jonathan Cohen & Andrew Kehler	The effect of contextual information on affordances and	Erotetic inferences and formal modeling of deductive			
	Failure-Free Extrasemantic Content	telicity in the meaning of nouns: An ERP study	problem-solving			
12:00 – 12:15	Short break					
	Compositionality GAFO 03/252	Lexicon II: Fictional names GAFO 03/901	Modality GAFO 03/974			
	Chair: Kristina Liefke	Chair: Mariusz Urbanski	Chair: Derek Ball			
12:15 – 12:45	Walter Pedriali	Emar Maier	Daniel Tiskin			
	What Compositionality Could Not Be	Fictional Names in Formal/Cognitive Semantics	Two kinds of modal scope			
12:45 – 13:15	Anna Drożdżowicz	Justine Jacot & Peter Gärdenfors:	Tuukka Tanninen			
	Putting Heim & Kratzer in the head - compositionality	Do we speak of the same witch? Intentional Identity and	The Origins of Epistemic 2D, and its Problems			
	and cognitive neuroscience	the Meeting of Minds				
13:15 – 14:30	Lunch					
14:30 – 15:30	Max Kölbel: Making sense of the Methods of Natural Language Semanticists GAFO 03/2					
	Chair: Markus Werning					
15:30 – 15:45	Short break					
15:45 – 16:45	Manfred Krifka: The Mass/Count distinction: Philosophical, linguistic, and cognitive aspects GAFO 03/252					
46.45.45.45	Chair: Maria Spychalska					
16:45 – 17:15	Coffee break					
17:15 – 18:15	Paul Pietroski: What is a Theory of Human (Linguistic) Understanding? Chair: Max Kölbel GAFO 03/252					
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19:00	Informal get-together					

		Friday, 11 October 2013			
09:30 - 10:30	Derek Ball: Idealisation, Abstracta, and Semantic Explanation				
	Chair: Dirk Kindermann				
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break				
	Representations GAFO 03/252 Chair: Emar Maier	Lexicon III GAFO 03/901 Chair: Joanna Odrowąż-Sypniewska	Foundational Issues I GAFO 03/974 Chair: David Rey		
11:00 – 11:30	Henk Zeevat A Plea for Classical Representations	Michael Richter & Roeland van Hout The use of semantic associations for the classification of verbs	Simon Kasper Is a syntax–semantics homomorphism cognitively plausible?		
11:30 – 12:00	Piotr Wilkin Cognitive representations and compositionality	Agustin Vicente The green leaves and the expert: polysemy and truth- conditional variability	Markus Kracht & Udo Klein De Lingua Knowledge		
12:00 - 12:15	Short break				
12:15 – 13:15	Markus Werning: Semantics naturalized: Between mental symbols and embrained simulations Chair: Erica Cosentino				
13:15 - 14:30	Lunch				
	Descriptions and Reference GAFO 03/252 Chair: Markus Werning	Lexicon IV: Context-SensitivityGAFO 03/901Chair: Erica CosentinoGAFO 03/901	Semantics of Non-Verbal Symbols GAFO 03/974 Chair: Kevin Reuter		
14:30 – 15:00	Hsiang-Yun Chen Descriptions and Attitudes	Lotte Hogeweg Suppression in interpreting coerced nouns: evidence for overspecification in the lexicon	Udo Klein, Insa Lawler, Florian Hahn, & Hannes Rieser Using Parameterised Semantics for Speech- Gesture Integration		
15:00 – 15:30	Daniel Gutzmann & Eric Mccready Reference and use-conditions. A multidimensional approach to referential descriptions	Camilo Quezada, Carlos Cornejo, & Vladimir Lopez The impact of the physical features of objects in the semantic representation of novel words: an N400 study	Endre Begby Homesign Semantics		
15:30 – 16:00	Daniel Cohnitz & Jussi Haukioja Experimental Data and Theories of Reference	Guillermo Montero-Melis A data-driven approach to comparing semantic similarity of event descriptions across languages	Andy Lücking Eclectic Semantics for Non-Verbal Signs		
16:00 – 17:30	Poster Session and Coffee				
17:30 – 18:30	Gina Kuperberg: What can the study of schizophrenia tell us about the neural architecture of language processing? Chair: Maria Spychalska				
20:00	Conference Dinner				

		Saturday, 12 October 2013			
09:30 - 10:30	Michiel van Lambalgen: Processing discourse: where logic meets neuroscience				
	Chair: Maria Spychalska				
10:30 - 10:45	Short break				
10:45 – 11:45	Giosuè Baggio: Following the Neural Footprints of Semantic Composition off the N400 Path Chair: Erica Cosentino GAFO 03/25.				
11:45 – 12:15	Coffee break				
	Quantification and Sentence Structure GAFO 03/252 Chair: Maria Spychalska	Discourse and Context-Sensitivity GAFO 03/252 Chair: Henk Zeevat	Foundational issues II GAFO 03/974 Chair: Max Kölbel		
12:15 – 12:45	Justyna Grudzińska The dynamics of quantification: two-dimensional system with chains and types		Cathal O'Madagain. Beyond Intentions and Conventions		
12:45 – 13:15	Claudia Poschmann Does position really matter? Testing acceptability and interpretation of appositive relatives with quantified heads	Sonja Müller How the linguistic context influences the acceptability of the order of modal particles in German	Dirk Kindermann Content, Compositionality, and the Aim of Semantic Theory		
13:15 – 13:45	Corinna Koch, Alexander Thiel, Emanuela Sanfelici, & Petra Schulz: On the semantics of relative clauses – evidence from a preference task with children and adults	Corien Bary & Emar Maier Unembedded Indirect Discourse	Josko Zanic Externalism, Naturalizability of Content, and Research Programs in Semantics		
13:45 – 14:45		Lunch	<u> </u>		
	Semantics-Pragmatics Interface II: Implicatures Chair: Justyna Grudzińska GAFO 03/252	Contextualism GAFO 03/901 Chair: Dirk Kindermann	Formal Approaches to Meaning Chair: Markus Kracht GAFO 03/974		
14:45 – 15:15	Anton Benz & Nicole Gotzner Reconsidering Embedded Implicatures in the Truth- Value Judgment Paradigm	Julia Zakkou Metalinguistic Negotiation and Metalinguistic Negation	Márta Maleczki The meaning of THERE in existential sentences and the logic of natural languages		
15:15 – 15:45	Maria Spychalska Pragmatic Processing and the Truth-Value Judgment: Exploring the Processing Cost of the Scalar Implicature in an ERP study.	Aaron Meskin & Shen-Yi Liao What's the Matter with Aesthetic Adjectives	David Rey Analogical Thinking in Formal Semantics		
15:45– 16:15	Matthijs Westera Exhaustivity implicatures and attentive content	Joanna Odrowąż-Sypniewska A contextualist semantics for vague assertions and disagreement?	Kristina Liefke Type-Logical Semantics: Insights from Language Development		
16:15 – 16:45	Coffee break				
16:45 – 17:45	Ira Noveck: Finding Consistency among Pragmatic Inferences Chair: Maria Spychalska GAFO 03/252				