

SemFest 20 Schedule

All sessions take place in the Barwise Room, CSLI

Friday March 15, 2019

9:00-9:30	Coffee and welcome
<i>Session 1</i> (Chair: Ciyang Qing)	
9:30-10:00	John Beavers, Kyle Jerro & Andrew Koontz-Garboden "Root-Sensitivity in the Interpretation of Kinyarwanda Applicatives"
10:00-10:30	Shiao Wei Tham "Structural and Contextual Factors in Result Interpretations of Mandarin Locative Compounds"
10:30-11:00	Helena Aparicio, Roger Levy & Elizabeth Coppock "How to Find <i>the rabbit in the big(ger) box</i>: Reasoning About Contextual Parameters for Gradable Adjectives Under Embedding"
11:00-11:30	BREAK
<i>Session 2</i> (Chair: Judith Degen)	
11:30-12:00	Gregory Scontras, Asya Achimova, Christian Stegemann & Martin Butz "The Added Informativity of Ambiguous Language"
12:00-12:30	Eric Acton & Heather Burnett "Markedness, 'Truth', and Rationality in Social Meaning Games"
12:30-2:00	LUNCH
<i>Session 3</i> (Chair: CJ Brickhouse)	
2:00-2:30	Arnold Zwicky "A Natural History of Snowclones"
2:30-3:00	Tatiana Nikitina "Semantic Maps in a Typologist's Toolbox: The Challenge of Semi-lexical Networks"
3:00-3:30	BREAK
<i>Session 4</i> (Chair: Kate Lindsey)	
3:30-4:00	Sunwoo Jeong & James Collins "Updating Alternatives in Pragmatic Competition"
4:00-4:30	Sebastian Schuster & Judith Degen "Adaptation to Variable Use of Expressions of Uncertainty"
4:30-4:45	BREAK
4:45-5:30	David Beaver "Grundlagen für eine nicht ideale Semantischer Festvortrag"
5:30	DRINKS
6:00	DINNER (provided)
7:00-9:00	Party/band

Saturday, March 16, 2019

9:30-10:00	COFFEE/BREAKFAST
<i>Session 5</i> (Chair: Cleo Condoravdi)	
10:00-10:30	Ashwini Deo "Identifying the Strongest True Alternative: Marathi =c and its Counterparts"
10:30-11:00	Bonnie Krejci & Beth Levin "Talking about the Weather: Two Construals of Precipitation Events in English"
11:00-11:30	BREAK
<i>Session 6</i> (Chair: Sabrina Grimberg)	
11:30-12:00	Prerna Nadathur "Causal Dependence in Ability and Actuality"
12:00-12:30	Yingying Wang & Frank Veltman "Varieties of Modal Predicates and their Semantic Interpretation"
12:30-1:45	LUNCH (provided)
<i>Session 7</i> (Chair: Tyler Lemon)	
1:45-2:15	Lelia Glass "Experimental Evidence that Verbs Describing Routines Facilitate Implicit Objects"
2:15-2:45	Itamar Francez "Markedness and the Morphosemantics of Number"
2:45-3:00	BREAK
<i>Session 8</i> (Chair: Chris Potts)	
3:00-3:30	Ciyang Qing "Zero or Minimum Degree? Rethinking Minimum-standard Gradable Adjectives"
3:30-4:00	Judith Tonhauser & Judith Degen "An Empirical Challenge to the Categorical Notion of Factivity"
4:00	Closing remarks

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