

Ling 316:
Conventional Implicatures
SoSe 2012

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This MA/LA seminar investigates conventional implicatures and, more generally, so-called 'expressive meaning', with emphasis on their pragmatic behaviour and on their impact on the syntax-pragmatics and prosody-pragmatics interfaces. Constructions standably assumed to give rise to conventional implicatures, including discourse particles (e.g. German *ja, wohl*), will be investigated from different perspectives and in different languages. Furthermore, we will explore certain constructions that have been argued to carry some expressive meaning component, such as evidentials and slifting (e.g. *May will come, I hope*), as well as aspects of the form that convey other non-truth-conditional meaning, such intonational patterns in declarative and interrogative clauses.

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COURSE PREREQUISITES

Background on pragmatics at least equivalent to Ling116.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Class presentation of a paper (Referat)
- Short presentation of your term paper (Hausarbeit) as work in progress at the Mini-Conference
- Term paper (Hausarbeit) due shortly after the end of classes

SCHEDULE (approximate dates!)

April 24	<p>General Background on Pragmatics</p> <p>Chierchia, G. and S. McConnell-Ginet. 2000. <i>Meaning and Grammar</i>. MIT Press (2nd edition). Chapter 4.</p> <p>Potts, Christopher. To appear. Pragmatics. In R. Mitkov, ed., <i>The Oxford Handbook of Computational Linguistics</i>, 2nd edition. OUP.</p>
May 1	No class (holiday)
May 8 May 15	<p>The Expressive Dimension</p> <p>Kaplan, D. The meaning of Oops and Ouch. Video lecture, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iaGRLlgPl6w.</p> <p>Potts, C. 2005. <i>The logic of conventional implicatures</i>. Oxford: OUP.</p> <p>Potts, C. 2011. Conventional implicature and expressive content. In P. Portner, C. Maienborn and K. von Stechow, eds., <i>Semantic: An International Handbook of Natural Language Meaning</i>. Berlin, Mouton de Gruyter.</p> <p>Potts, C. et al. 2009. Expressives and identity conditions, <i>Linguistic Inquiry</i> 40: 356-366.</p>
May 22 May 29 June 5	<p>Discourse particles</p> <p>OVERVIEW:</p> <p>Zimmermann, M. 2011. Discourse particles. In P. Portner, C. Maienborn and K. von Stechow, eds., <i>Semantic: An International Handbook of Natural Language Meaning</i>. Berlin, Mouton de Gruyter. Pp. 2011-2038.</p> <p>ANALYSIS:</p> <p>Kratzer, A. 1999. Beyond Ouch and Oops. How descriptive and expressive meaning interact. http://www.semanticsarchive.net</p> <p>Jacobs, J. 1991. On the semantics of modal particles. In W. Abraham, ed., <i>Discourse Particles</i>. Amsterdam: Benjamins. Pp. 141–162.</p> <p>Zeevat, H. 2000. Discourse particles as speech act markers. <i>LDV-Forum</i> 17, 74–91.</p> <p>Zimmermann, M. 2008. Discourse particles in the left periphery. In B. Shaer et al. (eds.). <i>Dislocated Elements in Discourse: Syntactic, Semantic, and Pragmatic Perspectives</i>. London: Routledge. Pp. 200–231.</p> <p>CROSSLINGUISTIC DATA:</p> <p>Bayer, J. and H.-G. Obenauer. 2011. Discourse Particles, Clause Structure, and Question Types, <i>The Linguistic Review</i> 28: 449-491.</p> <p>Bayer, J., J. Häussler, M. Bader and S. Hopp. 2011. Connecting to Illocutionary Force: A Theoretical and Experimental Study of the German Discourse Particle <i>denn</i>. Talk at GLOW, Vienna.</p> <p>Waltereit, R. 2001. Modal particles and their functional equivalents: A speech-act theoretic approach, <i>Journal of Pragmatics</i> 33: 1391-1417. [Romance]</p> <p>Gyuris, Beáta 2009. Sentence-types, discourse particles and intonation in Hungarian. In: A. Riesterer and T. Solstad, eds., <i>Proceedings of Sinn und</i></p>

	<p><i>Bedeutung (= SuB) 13</i>. Stuttgart: University of Stuttgart. Pp. 157–170.</p> <p>Scharidl, A. 2011. Finnish -hAn and Addressee Attention. Ms. University of Massachusetts at Amherst.</p> <p>Li, Boya 2006. <i>Chinese Final Particles and the Syntax of the Periphery</i>. Ph.D. dissertation. University of Leiden.</p> <p>Hara, Y. 2006. <i>Non-Propositional Modal Meaning</i>. Ms. Newark, DE, University of Delaware. http://cpctl3.cityu.edu.hk/~yurihara/profile/ [Japanese]</p> <p>Pohlig, A. Whaley & James N. Pohlig 1994. Further thoughts on four discourse particles in Mandara. In S. H. Levinsohn, ed., <i>Discourse Features of Ten Languages of West-Central Africa</i> (SIL Publications 119). Arlington, TX: University of Texas. Pp. 211–221. [Chadic lgs.]</p>
<p>June 12</p> <p>June 19</p>	<p>Evidentials and Slifting</p> <p>Faller, M. 2002. <i>Semantics and Pragmatics of Evidentials in Cuzco Quechua</i>. Ph.D. dissertation, Stanford University.</p> <p>Davis, C., C. Potts & M. Speas 2007. The pragmatic values of evidential sentences. In T. Friedman & M. Gibson, eds., <i>Proceedings of SALT XVII</i>. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University. Pp. 71–88.</p> <p>Matthewson, L., H. Davis & H. Rullmann 2007. Evidentials as epistemic modals. In J. Craenenbroeck, ed., <i>The Linguistic Variation Yearbook 7</i>. Amsterdam: Benjamins. Pp. 201–254.</p> <p>McCready, E. and N. Ogata. 2007. Evidentiality, modality and probability, <i>Linguistics and Philosophy</i> 30:147-206.</p> <p>Scheffler, T. 2008. <i>Semantic Operators in Different Dimensions</i>. Ph.D. Diss, University of Pennsylvania. Chapter 6.</p>
<p>June 26</p> <p>July 3</p> <p>July 10</p>	<p>Some aspects of intonational meaning in declaratives and interrogatives</p> <p>Bartels, C. 1999. <i>The intonation of English statements and questions: a compositional interpretation</i>. Routledge.</p> <p>Gunlogson, C. 2002. Declarative Questions. In B. Jackson, ed., <i>Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory XII</i>. Ithaca, NY: CLC Publications.</p> <p>Han, C.-H. and M. Romero. 2004. Disjunction, Focus, and Scope, <i>Linguistic Inquiry</i> 35: 179-217.</p> <p>Biezma, M. 2009. Alternative vs Polar Questions: the <i>cornering</i> effect. In E. Cormany, S. Ito and D. Lutz, eds., <i>Proceedings of SALT XIX</i>. Ithaca, NY: CLC Publications.</p> <p>Biezma, M. and K. Rawlings. 2011. Responding to alternative and polar questions, Ms. UMass and Johns Hopkins University.</p> <p>Roelofsen, F. and S. van Gool. 2010. Disjunctive questions, intonation and highlighting. In M. Aloni, H. Bastiaanse, T. de Jager, and K. Schulz, eds., <i>Logic, Language, and Meaning: Selected Papers from the 17th Amsterdam Colloquium</i>, pp. 384-394. Berlin, Heidelberg: Springer.</p>
<p>July 17</p>	<p>MINI-CONFERENCE</p>