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Research Themes

Interests: semantics, pragmatics, computational linguistics, formal language theory, experimental semantics

Selected research themes:

- Semantics of plurals
- Anaphors and binding
- Dynamic Semantics
- Computational Approaches to Meaning
- Formal Language Theory

Education

Aug. 2016 – Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, US
PhD in linguistics
Thesis title:
Events and plurals from the perspective of anaphors
Committee: Martin Hackl, Roger Schwarzschild, Danny Fox, Gennaro Chierchia

Sep. 2013 – Aug. 2017 École Normale Supérieure de Paris, Paris, France
ENS diploma

Sep. 2014 – Aug 2015 University Paris VI, Paris, France
1st year of CogMaster - master in cognitive science
Advisor: Dr. Benjamin Spector

Sep. 2013 – Aug 2014 University Paris VII, Paris, France
BSc in Mathematics

Sept 2010 – Aug 2013 Lycée Louis-le-Grand, Paris, France
Classes préparatoires - maths, computer science and physics
(\approx freshman + sophomore)

Publications

Journal articles

Under revision

- “Articulated Cumulativity”

Journal of Semantics

Draft [here](#)

Submitted

- “Muriqui monkey vocalizations are not finite-state: formal and statistical assessment”
with Emmanuel Chemal, Robin Ryder, Philippe Schlenker, Dider Demolin,
and Francisco D. C. Mendes

Nature Communications

Draft [here](#)

Unpublished manuscripts

- “Anaphors to referential expressions in DS: simple, functional, paycheck and otherwise”
MIT, 2019
Draft [here](#)

Proceedings papers

- 2020 • “Cumulative readings of *every* with leaks”
Proceedings of the 30th conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory
(to appear)
- 2019 • “Reciprocating *same*”
Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 29
(to appear, draft [here](#))
- “Wide-scope distributivity”
Proceedings of the 49th meeting of North Eastern Linguistic Society
Pre-publication draft [here](#)
- 2017 • “Gaps in the interpretation of pronouns”
Proceedings of the 28th conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory
Pre-publication draft [here](#)

Presentations

Invited presentations

- 2020 • “Event semantics and Quantification, a new path towards reconciliation”
Seminar at the University of Göttingen
- 2017 • “Local contexts and anaphora”
LINGUAE seminar, ENS Paris

Refereed conference presentations

- 2020 • “Cumulative readings of *every* with leaks”
30th conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory
Cornell University (*virtually*)
- 2019 • “Reciprocating *same*”

Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 29

Osnabrück University

- “Reducing order-insensitivity in anaphora to accommodation”
Workshop on Asymmetries in Language: Presuppositions and Beyond
Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin
- “Wide-scope distributivity”
49th meeting of North Eastern Linguistic Society
Cornell University

- 2017 • “Gaps in the interpretation of pronouns”
28th conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory
MIT

Other presentations

- 2018 • “The referentiality of generic indefinites: evidence from anaphora”
SNEWS

Teaching

- Fall 2019* • Undergraduate seminar “Introduction to Linguistics” (24.900)
Course convener: Adam Albright
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Designed and held weekly recitations, graded essays and problem sets, advised students on elicitations
- Fall 2018* • Graduate course “Introduction to Semantics” (24.979)
Course convener: Roger Schwarzschild and Martin Hackl
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Designed and held weekly recitations, advised students on final papers

Professional service

- Article reviewing* • Journal of Semantics
• Natural Language Semantics
- Abstract reviewing* • Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB)
• Student Session of the European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI StuS)
• Student Session of the North American Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (NASSLLI StuS)
- Organization* • Founded and organized a reading group on the linguistics of discrimination (the Rhombus Reading Group)

Languages

French native*Spanish* advanced*English* fluent*Modern Standard Arabic* advanced*Egyptian Arabic* moderate

Technology experience

Programming languages: I implement my models of formal semantics using Python and Haskell.

- Python, Jupyter: I am the developer of the *Exh* package (available on PIP), which can compute innocent exclusion exhaustification.
- Functional Programming: Haskell and Idris
- Other: C/C++, HTML, Java, PHP

Tools:

- T_EX
 - GNU/Linux and GNU utilities.
 - Git
 - Amazon Mechanical Turk
 - Ibex and PCIBex
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References

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