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Education

2010-2014: Waseda University (Tokyo, Japan); Bachelor of Arts in Literature

BA thesis: *The Semantic and Syntactic Analysis on the Ambiguity of Japanese Auxiliary verb “reru-rareru.”*

Supervisor: Yoshiyuki Muroi

2014-2016: Sophia University (Tokyo, Japan); Master of Arts in Linguistics

Master’s thesis: *The Phase-based Separation of Logical Form: From the Perspective of Event Partitioning Quantifiers.*

Committees: Naoki Fukui (supervisor), Takaomi Kato and Toru Ishii

2017-Present: University of Edinburgh (Edinburgh, United Kingdom); PhD in Linguistics

Doctoral thesis: *Uniqueness versus Anaphoricity in distributivity* (working title)

Supervisors: Rob Truswell (primary supervisor), Wataru Uegaki, Caroline Heycock and Bryan Pickel

Research Interests

Theoretical Linguistics, Syntax-Semantics Interface, Formal Semantics, Event Semantics, Minimalist Syntax

Fellowships and Scholarship

-April 2014 - March 2015

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Type I scholarship

-April 2015 - May 2016

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Type I scholarship

-September 2018 - August 2020

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Scholarship for Studying Abroad
(Postgrad Degree)

Languages

Japanese (Native), English (Fluent), German (Novice)

Proceedings

- [1] “Events, Distributivity and Numerals: Evidence from Event Partitioning Quantifiers in Japanese.” (2016) In, *Proceedings of the 18th Seoul International Conference in Generative Grammar*.
- [2] “The Semantic Ontology of Agent and Theme: A Case Study with Event Partitioning Quantifiers in Japanese.” (2017) In, *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics vol. 23.1*.
- [3] “Pluractionality in Japanese and Internal Arguments of Verbs.” (2017) In *Proceedings of the 19th Seoul International Conference in Generative Grammar*.
- [4] “Phase, Plurality and Floating.” (2018) In, *ConSOLE XXV Proceedings*.
- [5] “Predicative/Quantificational Numeral Quantifiers in Japanese.” (2018) In, *Proceedings of the 13th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics*.
- [6] “Japanese honorification as nominalization: Taking [HON] out of honorifics.” (2020) In, *ConSOLE XXVII Proceedings*.

Conference Presentations

- [1] “The Semantic Ontology of Agent and Theme: A Case Study with Event Partitioning Quantifiers in Japanese,” a poster presentation at the 40th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 40), University of Pennsylvania, March 18th-20th, 2016.
- [2] “Events, Distributivity and Numerals: Evidence from Event Partitioning Quantifiers in Japanese,” an oral presentation at the 18th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 18), Sogang University, August 2nd-5th, 2016.
- [3] “Distributivity and event partition: Evidence from Japanese and Korean,” a poster presentation at the 24th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference (JK 24), National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics (NINJAL), October 14th-16th, 2016.
- [4] “Phase, Plurality and Floating,” a poster presentation at the 25th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 25), University of Leipzig, January 4th-6th, 2017.
- [5] “Predicative/Quantificational Numeral Quantifiers in Japanese,” a poster presentation at the 13th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 13), International Christian University, May 25th-28th, 2017.

- [6] “Pluractionality in Japanese and Internal Arguments of Verbs,” a poster presentation at the 19th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 19), Seoul National University, August 9th-11th, 2017.
- [7] “Cumulative Existential Disclosure,” an oral presentation at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2017), University of Kent, September 4th-7th, 2017.
- [8] “Which did you buy, a horse or horse?,” an oral presentation at the 24th Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC 18), University of Edinburgh, June 4th-6th, 2018.
- [9] “Universal Monotonicity induces non-Universal Grinding,” an oral presentation at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2018), University of Sheffield, September 11th-14th, 2018.
- [10] “Long Distance Relativisation and Phasal Transfer of KP,” (joint work with Yushi Sugimoto at the University of Michigan) a poster presentation at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2018), University of Sheffield, September 11th-14th, 2018.
- [11] “Division of Labour between Syntax and Lexicon” an oral presentation at the 27th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 27), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, February 21st-23rd, 2019
- [12] “Honorification-as-a-distance: A case study of Japanese nominalization” a poster presentation at the 27th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 27), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, February 21st-23rd, 2019
- [13] “If you float further, you are maximal and unique,” an oral presentation at the 25th Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC 19), University of Edinburgh, June 4th-7th, 2019
- [14] “A Classifier-independent Count-Mass Distinction in Japanese,” an oral presentation at the 12th International Workshop on Theoretical East Asian Linguistics (TEAL 12), University of Macau, July 9th -10th, 2019
- [15] “Definiteness Theory of distributivity: Presupposed Partition under Non-local floating quantifiers,” an oral presentation at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2019), Queen Mary University of London, September 9th-12th, 2019.
- [16] “Distributivity within Nominal Domain and Kind Partition Readings,” an oral presentation at Number and plurality: cross-linguistic variation in the nominal domain (NaP 2019), Georg-August Universität Göttingen, December 11th-12th, 2019.

- [17] “An Alternative-based Theory of Distributivity: Non-Local Floating Quantifiers and Contextual Monotonicity,” a poster presentation at the 28th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 28), Universitat Pompeu Fabra, January 29th-31st, 2020.
- [18] “Distribution over Situations,” an oral presentation at the 44th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 44), University of Pennsylvania, March 27th-29th, 2020.
[cancelled due to COVID-19]
- [19] “Situation partition and shifted evaluation of distributivity,” an oral presentation at Sinn und Bedeutung 25 (SuB 25), University College London and Queen Mary University of London, September 3rd-9th, 2020. [virtually held due to COVID-19]
- [20] “Where does the ‘self’ come from? A *de se* binding approach to *zibun* in Japanese,” a poster presentation at the 28th Japanese/Korean Linguistics (JK 28), University of Central Lancashire, September 7th-20th, 2020. [virtually held due to COVID-19]

Workshop Presentations

- [1] “If you float further, you are maximal and unique,” a talk given at London Semantics Symposium 2019, Queen Mary University of London, May 22nd, 2019
- [2] “Definiteness Derives Distributivity,” a talk given at Sem_i Circle Workshop, the University of Edinburgh, June 2nd, 2019.
- [3] “Monotonicity Presupposes a Unique Degree,” a talk given at Retreat for Student in Semantics and Pragmatics 2019 (ReSSP 2), Olot, 12th October, 2019

Invited Talks

- [1] “Predicative/Quantificational Numeral Quantifiers in Japanese,” a talk given at Semantics Research Group, Keio University, August 3rd, 2017.
- [2] “Lexical Count-Mass and Compositional Count-Mass in Japanese,” a talk given at English Linguistics Göttingen, Georg-August Universität Göttingen, February 18, 2019
- [3] “What can Japanese say about the count-mass distinction? Distributivity as definiteness over mapping,” a talk given at Meaning and Grammar Research Group (MGRG), the University of Edinburgh, April 25th, 2019.
- [4] “The count-mass distinction in Japanese and Presupposed mapping to measurement dimensions,” a talk given at LingLunch, Queen Mary University of London, May 20th, 2019.
- [5] “A situation-based theory of distributivity,” a talk given at Semantics Research Group, Keio University, February 21st, 2020.

Teaching

- [1] Sophia University, Language Learning Centre (LLC)
 - English Tutor (September 2014 - March 2017)
 - Writing Tutor in English (April 2016-March 2017)

- [2] The University of Edinburgh, the School of Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences (PPLS)
 - Writing Tutor PPLS Writing Centre of Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences (PPLS) (September 2017 - present)
 - Tutor in LEL2A (the 1st semester 2017-18 and 2018-19)
 - Tutor in LEL2E (the 2nd semester 2017-18)
 - Tutor in Logic 1 (the 2nd semester 2017-18 and 2018-19)
 - Tutor in LEL2D (the 2nd semester 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21)
 - Tutor in Introduction to Syntax (the 1st semester 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21)
 - Guest lecturer in Current Issues in Semantics and Pragmatics (the 2nd semester 2019-20) [*cancelled due to the strike and became an optional discussion session, but this is held online due to COVID-19*]

Organisational work

- A member of the organising committee (Publicity Subcommittee, Finance Subcommittee and Feedback Subcommittee)
at the 25th University of Edinburgh Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC19), 4th-7th June 2019, University of Edinburgh
- A member of the organising team of *Meaning and Grammar seminar* (2019-present)
- The organiser of Syntax reading group (*Synergy*) (2019-present)

Miscellaneous

- LaTeX workshop (with Georges Sakr and Thomas Stephen) at the 25th Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC 19), the University of Edinburgh, 4th June, 2019.