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### **Employment**

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September 2022 - August 2024: Post-doctoral researcher, University of Amsterdam, Institute for Logic, Language and Computation (ILLC)

Funding body: Dutch Research Council (NWO)

Project: “A Sentence Uttered Makes a World Appear---Natural Language Interpretation as Abductive Model Generation” (PI: Reinhard Muskens)

### **Education**

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

Doctoral thesis: *Distribution of Distributivity in Syntax and Discourse*

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

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

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

### **Research Interests**

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Syntax-semantics interface, Event Semantics, Situation Semantics, Dynamic semantics, Alternative semantics, Minimalist syntax, Distributivity, Plurality

### **Fellowships and Scholarship**

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- September 2018 - August 2021:

Japan Student Services Organisation (JASSO) Scholarship for Studying Abroad  
(Postgraduate Degree)

-April 2015 - May 2016

Japan Student Services Organisation (JASSO) Type I Scholarship

- April 2014 - March 2015

Japan Student Services Organisation (JASSO) Type I Scholarship

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***Refereed Journal Articles***

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- [1] Nakamura, Takanobu (*revise and resubmit*) “Monotonicity in a numeral classifier language”

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***Conference Proceedings***

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- [1] Nakamura, Takanobu (2022) “Reciprocity without reciprocal pronouns” In *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* (Vol. 31)
- [2] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2021) “Situation partition and shifted evaluation of distributivity” In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* (Vol. 25)
- [3] Nakamura, Takanobu and Yushi Sugimoto. (2021) “Apparent *de re* construals of *de se* anaphor in Japanese” In, *Japanese/Korean Linguistics vol. 27*.
- [4] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2021) “Distribution over situations.” In, *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics vol. 27.1*.
- [5] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2020) “An Alternative-based Theory of Distributivity: Non-Local Floating Quantifiers and Contextual Monotonicity.” In, *ConSOLE XXVIII Proceedings*
- [6] Wang, Ruonan and Takanobu Nakamura. (2019) “Japanese honorification as nominalization: Taking [HON] out of honorifics.” In, *ConSOLE XXVII Proceedings*.
- [7] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2018) “Predicative/Quantificational Numeral Quantifiers in Japanese.” In, *Proceedings of the 13th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics*.
- [8] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2017) “Phase, Plurality and Floating.” In, *ConSOLE XXV Proceedings*.
- [9] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2017) “Pluractionality in Japanese and Internal Arguments of Verbs.” In *Proceedings of the 19th Seoul International Conference in Generative Grammar*.
- [10] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2017) “The Semantic Ontology of Agent and Theme: A Case Study with Event Partitioning Quantifiers in Japanese.” In, *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics vol. 23.1*.
- [11] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2016) “Events, Distributivity and Numerals: Evidence from Event Partitioning Quantifiers in Japanese.” In, *Proceedings of the 18th Seoul International Conference in Generative Grammar*.

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***Conference Presentations (refereed)***

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- [1] “On the typology of situation distributors,” (a joint work with Hiromune Oda) a poster presentation at the thematic workshop *Typological generalizations and semantic theory* in the 45th Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW 45), Queen Mary University of London, 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

- [2] “Recognising differences,” an oral presentation at the 27<sup>th</sup> Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC 21), University of Edinburgh, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 [virtual]
- [3] “Reciprocity without reciprocal pronouns,” a poster presentation at the 31<sup>st</sup> Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 31), Brown University, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 [virtual]
- [4] “Where does the ‘self’ come from? A *de se* binding approach to *zibun* in Japanese,” (joint work with Yushi Sugimoto) a poster presentation at the 28<sup>th</sup> Japanese/Korean Linguistics (JK 28), University of Central Lancashire, 7<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. [virtual]
- [5] “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, 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. [virtual]
- [6] “Distribution over Situations,” an oral presentation at the 44<sup>th</sup> Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 44), University of Pennsylvania, 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. [cancelled due to COVID-19]
- [7] “An Alternative-based Theory of Distributivity: Non-Local Floating Quantifiers and Contextual Monotonicity,” a poster presentation at the 28<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 28), Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> January, 2020.
- [8] “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, 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.
- [9] “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, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.
- [10] “A Classifier-independent Count-Mass Distinction in Japanese,” an oral presentation at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Theoretical East Asian Linguistics (TEAL 12), University of Macau, 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> July, 2019
- [11] “If you float further, you are maximal and unique,” an oral presentation at the 25<sup>th</sup> Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC 19), University of Edinburgh, 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June, 2019
- [12] “Honorification-as-a-distance: A case study of Japanese nominalization” (joint work with Ruohan Wang) a poster presentation at the 27<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 27), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019
- [13] “Division of Labour between Syntax and Lexicon” an oral presentation at the 27<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 27),

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019

- [14] “Long Distance Relativisation and Phasal Transfer of KP,” (joint work with Yushi Sugimoto) a poster presentation at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2018), University of Sheffield, 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.
- [15] “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, 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.
- [16] “Which did you buy, a horse or horse?,” an oral presentation at the 24<sup>th</sup> Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC 18), University of Edinburgh, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.
- [17] “Cumulative Existential Disclosure,” an oral presentation at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2017), University of Kent, 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.
- [18] “Pluractionality in Japanese and Internal Arguments of Verbs,” a poster presentation at the 19<sup>th</sup> Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 19), Seoul National University, 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.
- [19] “Predicative/Quantificational Numeral Quantifiers in Japanese,” a poster presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 13), International Christian University, 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.
- [20] “Phase, Plurality and Floating,” a poster presentation at the 25<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 25), University of Leipzig, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.
- [21] “Distributivity and event partition: Evidence from Japanese and Korean,” a poster presentation at the 24<sup>th</sup> Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference (JK 24), National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics (NINJAL), 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.
- [22] “Events, Distributivity and Numerals: Evidence from Event Partitioning Quantifiers in Japanese,” an oral presentation at the 18<sup>th</sup> Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 18), Sogang University, 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.
- [23] “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, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

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#### ***Invited Talks***

- [1] “A situation-based theory of distributivity,” a talk given at Semantics Research Group, Keio University, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2020.
- [2] “The count-mass distinction in Japanese and Presupposed mapping to measurement dimensions,” a talk given at LingLunch, Queen Mary University of London, 20<sup>th</sup> May,

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, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.
- [4] “Lexical Count-Mass and Compositional Count-Mass in Japanese,” a talk given at English Linguistics Göttingen, Georg-August Universität Göttingen, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2019
- [5] “Predicative/Quantificational Numeral Quantifiers in Japanese,” a talk given at Semantics Research Group, Keio University, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017.

#### **Non-degree study**

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- [1] Balaton Linguistics Summer School, Lake Balaton, 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019
- [2] DGfS Xprag Summer School, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 5<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> August, 2019
- [3] Eastern Generative Grammar (EGG) 2019, Wrocław, 29<sup>th</sup> July-2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019
- [4] 30<sup>th</sup> European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI) 2018, Sofia University, 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> August, 2018
- [5] Eastern Generative Grammar (EGG) 2018, Banja Luka, 30<sup>th</sup> July-10<sup>th</sup> August, 2018
- [6] Advanced Core Training in Linguistics (ACTL) Summer School 2018, University College London, 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

#### **Teaching & Academic experience**

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- [1] Tokyo Metropolitan University, the department of Language Sciences
  - *Semantics and Pragmatics* (An intensive lecture, Summer, 2022)
- [2] The University of Edinburgh, the School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences (PPLS)
  - Guest lecturer in *Current Issues in Semantics and Pragmatics* [Discussion on Chierchia, Gennaro. (1998) “Reference to Kinds across Language” and the current issues in the semantics of the count-mass distinction] (Spring, 2019-20) [*Became an online optional discussion session due to COVID-19*]
  - Tutor/Teaching assistant in *Introduction to Syntax* (Fall, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21)
  - Tutor/Teaching assistant in *LEL2D: Cross Linguistic Variation: Limits and Theories* (Spring, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21)
  - Tutor/Teaching assistant in *LEL2A: Linguistic Theory and the Structure of English* (Fall, 2017-18 and 2018-19)
  - Tutor/Teaching assistant in *Logic I* (Spring, 2017-18 and 2018-19)
  - Tutor/Teaching assistant in *LEL2E: Structure and History of European Languages* (Spring, 2017-18)

- Writing Tutor in PPLS Writing Centre (September 2017 – September 2021)
- [3] Sophia University, Language Learning Centre (LLC)
  - English Tutor (September 2014 - March 2017)
  - Writing Tutor in English (April 2016-March 2017)

### ***Organisational work***

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- A member of the organising team of Meaning and Grammar seminar in the department of Linguistics and English Language in the University of Edinburgh (September 2019 - March 2021)
- The founder and organiser of the syntax reading group (Synergy) in the department of Linguistics and English Language in the University of Edinburgh (September 2019 - January 2021)
- A member of the organising committee (Publicity Subcommittee, Finance Subcommittee and Feedback Subcommittee) at the 25<sup>th</sup> University of Edinburgh Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC19), University of Edinburgh, June 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- LaTeX workshop (with Georges Sakr and Thomas Stephen in the University of Edinburgh) at the 25<sup>th</sup> Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC 19), the University of Edinburgh, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### ***Reviewer (Conferences)***

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### ***Languages***

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