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Employment

February 2025 - March 2027: post-doctoral researcher, Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS)

Funding body: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Project: “Projection of Pronominal Plurality Inferences (PoPPIn)”

(Co-hosts: Uli Sauerland and Kazuko Yatsushiro)

September 2022 - December 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

2017-2022: 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

Examiners: Daniel Lassiter (internal), Rick Nouwen (external)

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

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

Research Interests

Formal semantics, Formal pragmatics, Syntax-semantics interface, Semantics-discourse interface, Situation/Event Semantics, Dynamic semantics

Fellowships and Scholarship

- 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

Refereed Journal Articles

- [1] Nakamura, Takanobu (2023) “Monotonicity in a numeral classifier language” *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 8(1). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.16995/glossa.9974>

Conference Proceedings

- [1] Nakamura, Takanobu (2025) “Relevance-sensitive co-variation inferences of dependent indefinites” In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* (Vol. 29)
- [2] Yagi, Yusuke, Takanobu Nakamura and Kenta Mizutani (2024) “Toward a semantic theory of universal NCI” In *Proceedings of the Amsterdam Colloquium, 2024*.
- [3] Nakamura, Takanobu (2024) “Anaphoric potential of cumulative dependencies” In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* (Vol. 28)
- [4] Nakamura, Takanobu (2024) “A structured witness approach to pair-list answers of *wh*-questions with plural definites” In *Proceedings of the Twentieth International Workshop of Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics*
- [5] Nakamura, Takanobu (2024) “Partial plurality inferences of plural pronouns and dynamic pragmatic enrichment,” In *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* (Vol. 33)
- [6] Nakamura, Takanobu (2022) “Reciprocity without reciprocal pronouns” In *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* (Vol. 31)
- [7] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2021) “Situation partition and shifted evaluation of distributivity” In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* (Vol. 25)
- [8] Nakamura, Takanobu and Yushi Sugimoto. (2021) “Apparent *de re* construals of *de se* anaphor in Japanese” In, *Japanese/Korean Linguistics* (Vol. 27)
- [9] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2021) “Distribution over situations.” In, *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics* (Vol. 27.1.)
- [10] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2020) “An Alternative-based Theory of Distributivity: Non-Local Floating Quantifiers and Contextual Monotonicity.” In, *ConSOLE XXVIII Proceedings*
- [11] Wang, Ruonan and Takanobu Nakamura. (2019) “Japanese honorification as nominalization: Taking [HON] out of honorifics.” In, *ConSOLE XXVII Proceedings*.
- [12] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2018) “Predicative/Quantificational Numeral Quantifiers in Japanese.” In, *Proceedings of the 13th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics*.
- [13] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2017) “Phase, Plurality and Floating.” In, *ConSOLE XXV Proceedings*.
- [14] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2017) “Pluractionality in Japanese and Internal Arguments of Verbs.” In *Proceedings of the 19th Seoul International Conference in Generative Grammar*.
- [15] 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.)

- [16] 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*.

Conference Presentations (refereed)

- [1] Lorson, Alexandra and Takanobu Nakamura. (2025) "Integrating multimodal cues to resolve ambiguities in plural predication with quantifier" 12th International Conference on Multimodality, the University of Groningen (Talk)
- [2] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2025) "Dependent modals" Sinn und Bedeutung 30 (SuB 30), Goethe University Frankfurt (Poster)
- [3] Lorson, Alexandra and Takanobu Nakamura. (2025) "Integrating multimodal cues to resolve ambiguities in plural predication with quantifier" the 11th Biennial Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPRAG 2025), the University of Cambridge (Poster)
- [4] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2025) "Dependent modals" the 15th International Tbilisi Symposium on Logic, Language and Computation (TbiLLC 2025), Legends Tskaltubo SPA Resort (Talk)
- [5] Lorson, Alexandra and Nakamura Takanobu. (2025) "Integrating multimodal cues to resolve ambiguities in plural predication with quantifier" ISGS 10, Radboud university (Talk)
- [6] Nakamura, Takanobu and Yuta Tatsumi. (2025) "A manner adverbial analysis of clausal embedding" Clausal Complementation Across Categories, ZAS (Talk)
- [7] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2025) "Structured event anaphora and event individuation" RED 2025: Mismatches in Anaphoric Relations, University of Graz (Talk)
- [8] Nakamura, Takanobu and Kenta Mizutani. (2025) "Predicting the Scope of Focus Particles in Polar Questions" Semantics and Linguistic Theory 35 (SALT 35), Harvard University (Poster)
- [9] Yagi, Yusuke, Takanobu Nakamura and Kenta Mizutani. (2024) "Toward a semantic theory of universal NCI" Amsterdam Colloquium 2024, University of Amsterdam (Poster)
- [10] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2024) "Detecting Speaker’s bias through questions and modals" 31st Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference (JK 31), Monash University (Poster)
- [11] Nakamura, Takanobu and Kenta Mizutani. (2024) "Question-oriented even and the inquisitiveness parameter" Sinn und Bedeutung 29 (SuB 29), Consorzio Universitario Mediterraneo Orientale (Poster)
- [12] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2024) "Relevance-sensitive co-variation inferences of dependent indefinites" Sinn und Bedeutung 29 (SuB 29), Consorzio Universitario Mediterraneo Orientale (Talk)
- [13] Kamali, Beste and Takanobu Nakamura. (2024) "Toward a crosslinguistically viable account

of evidential bias" Workshop on Polar question meaning[s] across languages, University of Amsterdam (Talk)

- [14] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2023) "Cumulative questions and structured witnesses" Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics (LENLS20), Osaka University (Talk)
- [15] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2023) "Negation and dependencies: a dynamic approach to dependent numerals in Turkish" Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics 17 (WAFL 17), National University of Mongolia (Poster)
- [16] Kamali, Beste and Takanobu Nakamura. (2023) "Toward a unified account of evidentially biased polar questions" Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics 17 (WAFL 17), National University of Mongolia (Poster)
- [17] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2023) "Anaphoric potential of cumulative dependencies" Sinn und Bedeutung 28 (SuB 28), Ruhr University Bochum (Talk)
- [18] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2023) "Partial plurality anti-presupposition and local satisfaction" the 33rd Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 33), Yale University (Poster)
- [19] Ito, Katsumasa, Kenta Mizutani and Takanobu Nakamura. (2022) "On semantics of the German wh-modifying particle *alle*" International Semantics Conference (InSemantiC) 2022, the University of Porto (Talk)
- [20] Nakamura, Takanobu and Hiromune Oda. (2022) "On the typology of situation distributors" the thematic workshop Typological generalizations and semantic theory in the 45th Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW 45), Queen Mary University of London (Poster)
- [21] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2021) "Recognising differences" the 27th Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC 21), University of Edinburgh (Talk, virtual)
- [22] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2021) "Reciprocity without reciprocal pronouns" the 31st Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 31), Brown University (Poster, virtual)
- [23] Nakamura, Takanobu and Yushi Sugimoto. (2020) "Where does the 'self' come from? A de se binding approach to *zibun* in Japanese" the 28th Japanese/Korean Linguistics (JK 28), University of Central Lancashire (Poster, virtual)
- [24] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2020) "Situation partition and shifted evaluation of distributivity" Sinn und Bedeutung 25 (SuB 25), University College London and Queen Mary University of London (Talk, virtual)
- [25] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2020) "Distribution over Situations" the 44th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 44), University of Pennsylvania (Talk, cancelled due to COVID-19)
- [26] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2020) "An Alternative-based Theory of Distributivity: Non-Local Floating Quantifiers and Contextual Monotonicity" the 28th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 28), Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Poster)

- [27] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2019) "Distributivity within Nominal Domain and Kind Partition Readings" Number and plurality: cross-linguistic variation in the nominal domain (NaP 2019), Georg-August Universität Göttingen (Talk)
- [28] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2019) "Definiteness Theory of distributivity: Presupposed Partition under Non-local floating quantifiers" the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2019), Queen Mary University of London (Talk)
- [29] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2019) "A Classifier-independent Count-Mass Distinction in Japanese" the 12th International Workshop on Theoretical East Asian Linguistics (TEAL 12), University of Macau (Talk)
- [30] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2019) "If you float further, you are maximal and unique" the 25th Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC 19), University of Edinburgh (Talk)
- [31] Wang, Ruonan and Takanobu Nakamura. (2019) "Honorification-as-a-distance: A case study of Japanese nominalization" the 27th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 27), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Poster)
- [32] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2019) "Division of Labour between Syntax and Lexicon" the 27th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 27), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Talk)
- [33] Nakamura, Takanobu and Yushi Sugimoto. (2018) "Long Distance Relativisation and Phasal Transfer of KP" the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2018), University of Sheffield (Poster)
- [34] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2018) "Universal Monotonicity induces non-Universal Grindings" the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2018), University of Sheffield (Talk)
- [35] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2018) "Which did you buy, a horse or horse?" the 24th Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC 18), University of Edinburgh (Talk)
- [36] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2017) "Cumulative Existential Disclosure" the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2017), University of Kent (Talk)
- [37] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2017) "Pluractionality in Japanese and Internal Arguments of Verbs" the 19th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 19), Seoul National University (Poster)
- [38] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2017) "Predicative/Quantificational Numeral Quantifiers in Japanese" the 13th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 13), International Christian University (Poster)
- [39] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2017) "Phase, Plurality and Floating" the 25th Conference of the

- Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 25), University of Leipzig (Poster)
- [40] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2016) "Distributivity and event partition: Evidence from Japanese and Korean" the 24th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference (JK 24), National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics (Poster)
- [41] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2016) "Events, Distributivity and Numerals: Evidence from Event Partitioning Quantifiers in Japanese" the 18th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 18), Sogang University (Talk)
- [42] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2016) "The Semantic Ontology of Agent and Theme: A Case Study with Event Partitioning Quantifiers in Japanese" the 40th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 40), University of Pennsylvania (Poster)

Colloquium/Workshop Talks (non-refereed)

- [1] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2025) "Underspecifying quantificational dependencies" SemPragSem meeting, ZAS
- [2] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2025) "Underspecifying quantificational dependencies" Ochanomizu University
- [3] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2025) "Relevance-sensitivity of co-variation inferences with dependent indefinite" Semantics Research Group, Keio University
- [4] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2025) "A discourse-oriented approach to the distribution of dependent modal inferences" Osaka University
- [5] Nakamura, Takanobu and Kenta Mizutani. (2025) "Predicting the Scope of Focus Particles in Polar Questions" Semantics Workshop in Tokai and Kansai, Nagoya Gakuin University
- [6] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2024) "Non-distributive readings and (under)specification of quantificational dependencies" Semantics Research Group, Keio University
- [7] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2024) "Resolving Polar Questions in Contexts" Semantics Workshop in Tokai and Kansai, Nagoya Gakuin University
- [8] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2023) "A dynamic approach to pair-list answers to wh-questions with definite plurals" the 13th Paris-Amsterdam Logic Meetings of Young Researchers (PALLMYR 13), University College London
- [9] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2023) "Intra- and inter-sentential dynamics and evaluation of dependencies" Semantics Workshop in Tokai and Kansai, Nagoya University of Foreign Studies
- [10] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2023) "Gappy anaphoric conditions and dynamic homogeneity" the International Seminar on Number Concept and Language, Waseda University
- [11] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2023) "A dynamic homogeneity approach to cumulative dependencies" the Meaning, Logic and Cognition Seminar (MLC), ILLC
- [12] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2020) "A situation-based theory of distributivity" Semantics

Research Group, Keio University

- [13] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2019) "The count-mass distinction in Japanese and Presupposed mapping to measurement dimensions" LingLunch, Queen Mary University of London
- [14] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2019) "What can Japanese say about the count-mass distinction? Distributivity as definiteness over mapping" Meaning and Grammar Research Group (MGRG), the University of Edinburgh
- [15] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2019) "Lexical Count-Mass and Compositional Count-Mass in Japanese" English Linguistics Göttingen, Georg-August Universität Göttingen
- [16] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2017) "Predicative/Quantificational Numeral Quantifiers in Japanese" Semantics Research Group, Keio University

Non-degree study

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

Teaching & Academic experience

- [1] ILLC, University of Amsterdam
 - examining one Msc dissertation in Formal Semantics
- [2] Tokyo Metropolitan University, the department of Language Sciences
 - *Semantics and Pragmatics* (An intensive lecture, Summer, 2022)
- [3] The University of Edinburgh, the School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences (PPLS)
 - Guest lecturer in *Current Issues in Semantics and Pragmatics* (Spring, 2019-20) [*Became an online optional discussion session due to an industrial action and 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)
- [4] Sophia University, Language Learning Centre (LLC)
- English Tutor (September 2014 - March 2017)
 - Writing Tutor in English (April 2016-March 2017)

Organisational work

- 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 25th University of Edinburgh Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC19), University of Edinburgh, June 4th-7th, 2019
- LaTeX workshop (with Georges Sakr and Thomas Stephen in the University of Edinburgh) at the 25th Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC 19), the University of Edinburgh, June 4th, 2019

Reviewer

Amsterdam Colloquium 2024, *Cambridge University Press, Cognitive processing, Glossa, Journal of Semantics, Linguistics and Philosophy, Natural Language Semantics*, SinFonJA 14, Sinn und Bedeutung 29, *Semantics and Pragmatics*

Languages

Japanese (Native), English (Fluent), German (Beginner / A2), Dutch (Novice)