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

Research Interests

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

Fellowships and Scholarship

- September 2018 - August 2021

  Japan Student Services Organisation (JASSO) Scholarship for Studying Abroad (Postgrad 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

Conference Proceedings

[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 Sugimoto, Yushi. (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, Ruoan and Nakamura, Takanobu. (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*.

Conference Presentations (refereed)

[1] "Reciprocity without reciprocal pronouns," a poster presentation at the 31st Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 31), Brown University, 7th-9th May, 2021 [*virtual*]

[2] "Where does the 'self' come from? A *de se* binding approach to *zibun* in Japanese," (joint work with Yushi Sugimoto at the University of Michigan) a poster presentation at the 28th Japanese/Korean Linguistics (JK 28), University of Central Lancashire, 7th-20th September, 2020. [*virtual*]

[3] "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, 3rd-9th September, 2020. [*virtual*]

[4] "Distribution over Situations," an oral presentation at the 44th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 44), University of Pennsylvania, 27th-29th March, 2020. [*cancelled due to COVID-19*]

[5] "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, 29th-31st January, 2020.

[6] "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, 11th-12th December, 2019.

[7] "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, 9th-12th September, 2019.

[8] "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, 9th -10th July, 2019

[9] "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, 4th-7th June, 2019

[10] "Honorification-as-a-distance: A case study of Japanese nominalization" (joint work with Ruoan Wang at Queen Mary University of London) a poster presentation at the 27th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 27), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 21st-23rd February, 2019

[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, 21st-23rd February, 2019

[12] "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, 11th-14th September, 2018.

[13] "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, 11th-14th September, 2018.

[14] "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, 4th-6th June, 2018.

[15] "Cumulative Existential Disclosure," an oral presentation at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2017), University of Kent, 4th-7th September, 2017.

[16] "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, 9th-11th August, 2017.

[17] "Predicative/Quantificational Numeral Quantifiers in Japanese," a poster presentation at the 13th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 13), International Christian University, 25th-28th May, 2017.

[18] "Phase, Plurality and Floating," a poster presentation at the 25th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 25), University of Leipzig, 4th-6th January, 2017.

[19] "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), 14th-16th October, 2016.

[20] "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, 2nd-5th August, 2016.

[21] "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, 18th-20th March, 2016.

Invited Talks

[1] "A situation-based theory of distributivity," a talk given at Semantics Research Group, Keio University, 21st 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, 20th 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, 25th April, 2019.

[4] "Lexical Count-Mass and Compositional Count-Mass in Japanese," a talk given at English Linguistics Göttingen, Georg-August Universität Göttingen, 18th February, 2019

[5] "Predicative/Quantificational Numeral Quantifiers in Japanese," a talk given at Semantics Research Group, Keio University, 3rd August, 2017.

Non-degree study

[1] Balaton Linguistics Summer School, Lake Balaton, 26th-30th August, 2019

[2] DGfS Xprag Summer School, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 5th-16th August, 2019

[3] Eastern Generative Grammar (EGG) 2019, Wroclaw, 29th July-2nd August, 2019

[4] 30th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI) 2018, Sofia University, 13th-17th August, 2018

[5] Eastern Generative Grammar (EGG) 2018, Banja Luka, 30th July-10th August, 2018

[6] Advanced Core Training in Linguistics (ACTL) Summer School 2018, University College London, 25th-29th June, 2018

Teaching & Academic experience

[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)
   - 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 1 (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)

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 - present)
- 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

Languages

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