

CURRICULUM VITAE

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RESEARCH INTERESTS ***Broadly.*** Logical semantic / pragmatic analysis of natural language. ***Specifically.*** (Anti-)presuppositions, indexical shift, co-speech gestures, redundancy, scalar implicatures, logical vs. contextual meaning, trivalent semantics, alternative questions, factivity.

EDUCATION ***PhD in Cognitive Sciences (expected by December 2019)***
École Normale Supérieure (doctoral school: ED3C), Paris, France.

Specialization: Theoretical Linguistics
Thesis: Aspects of Contextual Enrichment (thesis abstract available [here](#))
Advisors: Philippe Schlenker and Benjamin Spector
Committee: Emmanuel Chemla, Amy Rose Deal, Cornelia Ebert, Danny Fox

M.Sc. in Cognitive Sciences
Cogmaster Program (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, École Normale Supérieure, Université Paris Descartes), Paris, France.

Specialization: Theoretical Linguistics
Graduated: June 2016
Thesis: Co-nominal pointing: toward a formal semantic analysis
Advisors: Philippe Schlenker and Jeremy Kuhn

Bachelor of Cognitive Science (honours)
Institute of Cognitive Science (ICS), Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada.

Specialization: Cognition and Computation
Graduated: April 2014
Thesis: Some remarks on Bridging
Advisor: Raj Singh

EMPLOYMENT

Winter 2013
Internship with Raj Singh (Institute of Cognitive Science, Carleton University) studying the behavior of bridging (or, cross-referencing) inferences pertaining to cancellation and complex embeddings.

Summer 2012

Research Assistant to Leopoldo Bertossi (Department of Computer Science, Carleton University) providing a literature review on Frege's conception of "Sinn" in connection to first-order modal logic. The objective was to lay some preliminary ground work for a theory of data quality in relational database theory using the concept of intensionality.

2011-12 Academic Year

Research Assistant to Warren Thorngate (Department of Psychology, Carleton University) (i) translating a computer simulation, previously published in (Wang & Thorngate 2003) into the programming language R, (ii) working on a variation of that simulation inspired by Heider's Balance Theory (Heider 1958) aimed at capturing the phenomenon known as "social mitosis".

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2017: Teaching Assistant and Guest Instructor (one lecture on gestures and semantics) for Salvador Mascarenas, Introduction to Semantics (CA2), *École Normale Supérieure*.

Fall 2018: Teaching Assistant and Guest Instructor (one lecture on the semantics of indexicals) for Benjamin Spector, Introduction to Semantics (CA2), *École Normale Supérieure*.

PAPERS

Journal papers

Anvari, A. Accepted with Major Revisions to *Natural Language Semantics*. Logical Integrity: From Maximize Presupposition! to Mismatching Implicatures.

Anvari, A. 2018. A problem for Maximize Presupposition! (locally). *Snippets* 33, pp. 1-2. [doi: [dx.doi.org/10.7358/snip-2018-033-anva](https://doi.org/10.7358/snip-2018-033-anva)] [squib]

Proceeding papers

Anvari, A., Mora Maldonado, and Andrés Soria Ruiz. 2019. The puzzle of Reflexive Belief in Spanish. In M. Teresa Espinal, Elena Castroviejo, Manuel Leonetti, Louise McNally and Cristina Real-Puigdollers (eds.), *Proceedings of the 23rd Sinn und Bedeutung Conference* (SuB 23), pp. 57–74. [link to the proceedings]

Anvari, A. 2018. Logical Integrity. In Sireemas Maspong, Brynhildur Stefánsdóttir, Katherine Blake, and Forrest Davis (eds.), *Proceedings of the 28th Semantics and Linguistic Theory Conference* (SALT 28), pp. 711-726. [doi: [dx.doi.org/10.3765/salt.v28io.4419](https://doi.org/10.3765/salt.v28io.4419)]

Anvari, A. 2017. Dislocated co-suppositions. In Alexandre Cremers, Thom van Gessel, and Floris Roelofsen (eds.), *Proceedings of the 21st Amsterdam Colloquium*, pp. 106–114. [link to the proceedings]

TALKS

By Invitation

Alternative and Polar Questions in Farsi. *Inquisitive Semantics Group*, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands. December, 2018.

Context-shift in Farsi, and the Ban Against Illeism. *NYU Semantics Group*, New York University. May, 2018.

Forks in the theory of local contexts. *Meaning as Action* (workshop), All Souls College, University of Oxford. March, 2018.

Encoding Content. *The 11th meeting of Paris-Amsterdam-London Logic Meetings of Young Researchers* (PALLMYR 11), University College London. November 2017.

By peer-reviewed abstract

Anvari, A. September 2019. Indexical Shift and the Ban Against Illeism. *The 24th Sinn und Bedeutung Conference* (SuB 24), Osnabrück University, Germany.

Anvari, A. and Kyle Blumberg. July 2019. A Problem for Local Maximize Presupposition!. *Asymmetries in Language: Presuppositions and Beyond* (workshop), Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS), Berlin, Germany.

Anvari, A. April 2019. Indexical Shift and the Ban Against Illeism. *Second North American Conference in Iranian Linguistics* (NACIL2), University of Arizona, United States.

Anvari, A. March 2019. Co-nominal pointing. *Linguistic investigations beyond language: gestures, body movement and primate linguistics* (workshop), Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS), Berlin, Germany.

Anvari, A., Mora Maldonado, and Andrés Soria Ruiz. September, 2018. The puzzle of Reflexive Belief in Spanish. *The 23rd Sinn und Bedeutung Conference* (SuB 23), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain.

Anvari, A., Brian Buccola, and Andreas Haida. September, 2018. Alternative Questions in Farsi. *The 23rd Sinn und Bedeutung Conference* (SuB 23), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain. [poster]

Anvari, A., Brian Buccola, and Andreas Haida. June, 2018. Alternative questions in Farsi. *Meaning in Non-canonical Questions* (workshop), University of Konstanz, Germany.

Anvari, A. May, 2018. Logical Integrity. *The 28th Semantics and Linguistic Theory Conference* (SALT 28), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, United States.

[Distinguished Presentation Award]

Anvari, A., Mora Maldonado, and Andrés Soria Ruiz. February, 2018. Reflexive belief in Spanish. *The 19th Szklarska Poreba Workshop*, Szklarska Poreba, Poland. [poster]

Anvari, A. December, 2017. Dislocated co-suppositions. *Amsterdam Colloquium*, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Anvari, A. July, 2017. On the formal pragmatics of co-nominal pointing. *The student session of the 29th European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information* (ESSLI), University of Toulouse, France.

Anvari, A. November, 2016. Co-nominal pointing: toward a formal semantic analysis. *Rencontres d'Automne de Linguistique Formelle* (RAFLe), Université Paris 8/CNRS, France.

Anvari, A. June, 2014. Remarks on Bridging. *The Olomouc Linguistic Colloquium* (OLINCO), Palacký University, Czech Republic.

Anvari, A. April, 2014. Mandatoriness and Bridging. *The 7th Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Semantics Workshop* (TOM), University of Toronto, Canada. April, 2014.

Other

Anvari, A. May, 2018. Margins of language: some puzzles for formal semantics/pragmatics. *Meaning & Modality Linguistics Laboratory*, Harvard University, United States.

Anvari, A. March, 2018. Margins of Language. *Doc'in Nicod*, Institut Jean-Nicod, France.
[Commentator: Emar Maier]

Anvari, A. February, 2018. Logical Integrity: from Maximize Presupposition! to Mismatching Implicatures. *Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS)*, Germany.

Anvari, A., and Mora Maldonado. November, 2016. Redundancy and disjunctions in online processing. *LINGVAE Seminar*, Institut Jean-Nicod, France.

Anvari, A. September, 2016. Anchored Interpretation: on the formal pragmatics of co-nominal pointing. *LINGVAE Seminar*, Institut Jean-Nicod, France.

**ACADEMIC
SERVICE
REVIEWING**

For journals: Journal of Semantics (2016 [three times], 2017, 2018), Natural Language Semantics (2018), GLOSSA (2017 [two times], 2018 [four times]), Snippets (2019), Linguistic Inquiry (2019).

For conferences and workshops: ESSLLI student session (2017, 2018, 2019).