

CURRICULUM VITAE

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RESEARCH INTERESTS Formal semantics and pragmatics, often on the basis of data from Farsi. More specifically, various aspects of context-dependency and intensionality, alternative-based reasoning, syntax-semantics interface.

EMPLOYMENT *January 2020 – present*
Postdoctoral Researcher, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Project *Sources of Meaning*, Funded by European Research Council, PI: Philippe Schlenker

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

Specialization: Theoretical Linguistics
Graduated: December 2019
Thesis Title: Meaning in Context (can be accessed 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 2020: Guest Instructor (one lecture on Logical Integrity) for Philippe Schlenker, The Inferential Typology of Language, *New York University*.

Spring 2020: Guest Instructor (two lectures on Logical Integrity) for Philippe Schlenker, Foundational Topics in Semantics, *École Normale Supérieure*.

Spring 2020: Guest Instructor (one lecture on scalar implicatures) for Benjamin Spector, 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*.

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

SUPERVISION

Since September 2019: Co-advisor (with Philippe Schlenker) of Anastasia Tsilia's MA thesis on Sequence of Tense in Modern Greek

PAPERS

Journal papers

Anvari, A., Kyle Blumberg. Accepted with Minor revisions to *Journal of Semantics*. Subclausal Local Contexts.

Anvari, A. Accepted with Minor Revisions to *Journal of Semantics*. The Ban Against Illeism and Indexical Shift in Farsi.

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

The variable-based account of indexical shift redux. *The Meaning & Modality Lab*, Harvard University. October, 2020.

The variable-based account of indexical shift redux. *The Linguistics Circle*, University of Edinburgh. October, 2020.

The variable-based account of indexical shift redux. *Institut für Linguistik*, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt. June, 2020.

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

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. 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]

**ACADEMIC
SERVICE
REVIEWING**

For journals: Journal of Semantics (2016 [$\times 3$], 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 [$\times 4$]), GLOSSA (2017 [$\times 2$], 2018 [$\times 4$]), 2020, Natural Language Semantics (2018), Snippets (2019, 2020 [$\times 3$]), Linguistic Inquiry (2019 [$\times 2$], 2020 [$\times 3$]), Linguistics & Philosophy (2019, 2020).
For conferences and workshops: European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020), Amsterdam Colloquium (2019 [workshop on Super Linguistics]), Sinn und Bedeutung (2020), North American Conference on Iranian Languages (2020 [proceedings of NACIL2]).