Yuxin Cao

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Education

MA Linguistics, Division of Psychology and Language Sciences, University College London (UCL)   Sept 2023 – Sept 2024

- GPA: 71.48 (Distinction)
- Courses: Phonetics and Phonology, Semantics and Pragmatics, Syntax, Computational Linguistics

BA English, School of Foreign Studies, East China University of Political Science and Law   Sept 2019 – June 2023

- GPA: 3.81/4.0
- Courses: Logic, Introduction to Linguistics, English Phonetics

Summer School & Short Courses

- CHAMP: On The Syntax of Discourse   July 2025
- CreteLing: Semantics, Phonology (OT), Intermediate Syntax   July 2024
- UCL Linguistics Short Courses 24/25: Introductory courses on Argument Structure, Dynamic Semantics, Compositional Semantics

Presentations/Proceedings

Yuxin Cao and Sebastian Schuster. 2025. *Semantic-Pragmatic Adaptation to Variable Use of Temporal Expressions*. In *Proceedings of the 47th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci 2025)*. https://escholarship.org/uc/item/48s4t2g1 ↗

Dissertation & Research Related Experience

MA: **Guessing is Believing: Semantic/Pragmatic Adaptation of Temporal Expressions**

- Experiments on how listeners update their expectations when different speakers use the same temporal expressions to denote varying time periods
- Tools: Visual Studio for HTML ↗, Photoshop for visual materials, Google Colab (Python), R Studio for data plotting ↗

Phonetics Coursework: **Transcription Report of Vietnamese and Tonal Analysis**

- Phonological analysis from organized audio files; Tools: Praat, Excel

Interfaces in Syntax Class Project: **Person System and Information Structure of Shanghainese**

- Grammaticalization of the third singular pronoun /ɦi/, V+V+/ɦi/ construction, Topic Markers

BA: **Use of Semantic Prosody Clash for Non-Native Speakers in Speech**

- Classification of semantic prosody clash; Tools: AntConc, Adobe Audition

Additional Information

Languages: Mandarin (Native), English (professional proficiency), Japanese (professional proficiency)