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Employment

07/2013 - present

Lecturer

Language, Logic and Cognition Center The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

10/2011 - 06/2013

Golda Meir Post-doctoral Fellow

Language, Logic and Cognition Center The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Education

09/2011

Ph.D. in Linguistics (Semantics Track)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA

02/2008

Diplom in Mathematics (MA equivalent)

University of Tübingen, Germany

07/2006

MA in English Linguistics, Philosophy, General Linguistics

University of Tübingen, Germany

Other academic experience

05-06/2010

Visiting research fellow, CNRS, Paris, France

Ontological structure and semantic structure (Prof. Friederike Moltmann)

08/2005

European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information

Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland

Dissertation

Title: Getting even

Advisors: Kai von Fintel, Danny Fox, Irene Heim (co-chairs)

Committee: Gennaro Chierchia, Kai von Fintel, Danny Fox, Irene Heim

Grants

2014-2017. Israel Science Foundation (ISF).

Polarity items across languages.

2015-2016. German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development (GIF). Young Scientist Program. Alternative-sensitive computations in natural language: focus-sensitive particles and embedded exhaustification.

Publications

Edited volumes

Crnič, Luka and Uli Sauerland. (2014) The Art and Craft of Semantics: A Festschrift for Irene Heim. Vols. 1 and 2. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.

Refereed publications

Crnič, Luka, Emmanuel Chemla and Danny Fox. (2015) "Scalar implicatures of embedded disjunction." *Natural Language Semantics*.

doi: 10.1007/s11050-015-9116-x

Crnič, Luka. (2014) "Against a Dogma on NPI Licensing." In: L. Crnič and U. Sauerland (eds.) The Art and Craft of Semantics: A Festschrift for Irene Heim, pp. 117-145. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.

Crnič, Luka. (2014) "Non-monotonicity in NPI licensing." Natural Language Semantics 22: 169-217.

doi: 10.1007/s11050-014-9104-6

Crnič, Luka. (2013) "Focus Particles and Embedded Exhaustification." *Journal of Semantics* 30: 533-558.

doi: 10.1093/jos/ffs018

Crnič, Luka. (2013) "How to get even with desires and imperatives." In: E. Csipak, R. Eckardt, M. Sailer (eds.) Beyond any and ever, pp. 127-154. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.

Crnič, Luka. (2012) "Projection of supplements in alternatives." Snippets 26.

Beck, Sigrid, Luka Crnič, Thilo Götz. (2008) "Ruin and Restitution." Natural Language Semantics 16: 111-114.

doi: 10.1007/s11050-008-9026-2

Conference proceedings

- Crnič, Luka. (to appear) "Ellipsis, Polarity, and Parallelism." In: D'Antonio, Sarah and Mia Wiegand (eds.) Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 25.
- Crnič, Luka. (to appear) "On the meaning and distribution of concessive scalar particles." In: N. LaCara, L. Fainleib, Y. Park (eds.) Proceedings of North East Linguistic Society 41.
- Crnič, Luka. (to appear) "Coordination and additivity in modal discourses." In: R. Baglini, A. Baker, T. Grinsell, J. Keane, J. Thomas (eds.) *Proceedings of Chicago Linguistic Society 46*.
- Crnič, Luka. (2011) "How to get even with desires." In: N. Ashton, A. Chereches, D. Lutz (eds.) Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 21.
- Crnič, Luka and Tue Trinh. (2011) "On the rise and fall of declaratives." In: I. Reich (ed.) Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 15.
- Crnič, Luka. (2010) "On the (non-)cumulativity of cumulative quantifiers." In: M. Prinzhorn, V. Schmitt, S. Zabel (eds.) *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 14.*
- Crnič, Luka. (2009) "Indefiniteness in counting." In: University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 16.
- Crnič, Luka and Tue Trinh. (2009) "Embedding imperatives." In: S. Lima, K. Mullin, B. Smith (eds.) Proceedings of North East Linguistic Society 39.
- Crnič, Luka and Tue Trinh. (2009) "Embedding imperatives in English." In: A. Riester, T. Solstad (eds.) *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 13.*
- Crnič, Luka. (2008) "Correlatives, conditionals and contrast." In: A. Antonenko, J. Bailyn, C.Bethin (eds.) Proceedings of Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 16.

Presentations

Invited presentations

Observations on Exceptives

- Semantics Group, ZAS, Berlin, Germany (September 2015)

On the exhaustification approaches to Negative Polarity Items

- Semantics Group, ZAS, Berlin, Germany (August 2014)

Remarks on degree constructions in Slovenian

- Slavic Semantics Workshop, Bar Ilan University, Israel (April 2014)
- Linguistics Colloquium, Ben Gurion University, Israel (May 2014)
- Semantics Group, ZAS, Berlin, Germany (August 2014)

Focus particles in Slovenian and other South Slavic languages

- Workshop on Focus, Bar Ilan University, Israel (February 2014)

Exhaustification, scalar particles and NPIs: A re-evaluation of a standard argument against the even theory of NPIs

- Workshop on Gennaro Chierchia's work, University of the Basque Country, Spain (September 2013)

Exhaustification and polarity

- Workshop on Scalar Implicatures, McGill University, Canada (May 2013)

Non-Monotonicity in NPI Licensing

- Linguistics Colloquium, Bar Ilan University, Israel (January 2013)

Scalar particles in European languages

- Linguistics Colloquium, The Hebrew University, Israel (June 2012)
- Interdisciplinary Colloquium, Tel Aviv University, Israel (May 2012)
- Linguistics Colloquium, Ben Gurion University, Israel (May 2012)

Conference presentations

- Crnič, Luka. (2015) Polarity, Ellipsis, and Parallelism. Semantics and Linguistic Theory 25. Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, USA.
- Crnič, Luka. (2015) Polarity, Ellipsis, and Parallelism. Generative Linguistics in the Old World 38. University of Paris 8, Paris, France.
- Crnič, Luka. (2014) Scope freezing, focus movement and economy. Semantics and Linguistic Theory 24. (poster presentation) New York University, New York, USA.
- Crnič, Luka. (2012) Scalar particles and competition. Workshop on Focus Association, Generative Linguistics in the Old World 35. University of Potsdam, Potsdam, Germany.
- Crnič, Luka. (2011) How to get *even*-NPIs. (poster presentation) Semantics and Linguistic Theory 21. Rutgers University, New Brunswick, USA.
- Crnič, Luka. (2011) How to get *even* with imperatives. West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics 29. University of Arizona, , USA.
- Crnič, Luka. (2011) Rhetorical imperatives and other challenges. Workshop Beyond any and ever. Challenging Theories of NPI licensing. University of Göttingen, Germany.
- Crnič, Luka. (2010) Pragmatic enrichment and concessive scalarity. *North East Linguistic Society* 41. University of Pennsylvania, USA.

- Crnič, Luka and Tue Trinh. (2010) On the Rise and Fall of Declaratives. Sinn und Bedeutung 15. University of Saarbreken, Germany.
- Crnič, Luka. (2010) Coordination and additivity in modal discourses. *Chicago Linguistic Society* 46. University of Chicago, USA.
- Crnič, Luka. (2010) Partitivity and distributivity in quantification. West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics 28. USC, USA.
- Crnič, Luka. (2009) Proportional quantifiers and partitivity. Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE) 18. University Autonoma Barcelona, Spain.
- Crnič, Luka. (2009) On the (non-)cumulativity of cumulative quantifiers. Sinn und Bedeutung 14. University of Vienna, Austria.
- Crnič, Luka. (2009) Indefiniteness in counting. *Penn Linguistics Colloquium* 33. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia (PA), USA.
- Crnič, Luka. (2009) Comparative quanfiers and collectivity. Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE) 17. University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia.
- Crnič, Luka and Tue Trinh. (2008) Embedding imperatives in English. North East Linguistic Society 39. Cornell University, Ithaca (NY), USA.
- Crnič, Luka and Tue Trinh. (2008) Embedded imperatives: a contextualist approach. International Conference on Quotation and Meaning 2. Berlin, Germany.
- Crnič, Luka and Tue Trinh. (2008) Remarks on embedded imperatives. Sinn und Bedeutung 13. University of Stuttgart, Germany.
- Crnič, Luka. (2007) Correlatives, conditionals and contrast. Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 16. SUNY, Stony Brook (NY), USA.

Teaching qualifications and experience

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Cognitive Processes A. Spring 2015, Spring 2016.

Introduction to Linguistics for Cognitive Science. Spring 2015, Spring 2016.

Corpora and Statistics. Spring 2014.

Psychosemantics. Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016.

Advanced Introduction to Semantics. Fall 2014, Fall 2015.

Seminar in Semantics. Fall 2013.

Introduction to Semantics. Spring 2012.

MIT

MIT Graduate Student Teaching Certificate. Summer 2011.

Undergraduate Semantics. Spring 2009. Teaching assistant for S. Iatridou.

Introduction to Linguistics. Spring 2008. Teaching assistant for S. Flynn.

University of Tübingen

Introduction to Syntax and Semantics. Spring 2006. Instructor.

Service

Reviewer

Abstracts: FASL, GLOW, IATL, NELS, SALT, Sinn und Bedeutung conferences. Journal submissions: Journal of Semantics, Language, Lingua, Linguistic Inquiry, Linguistics and Philosophy, Natural Language Semantics, Semantics and Pragmatics. Volume articles: Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan. Project proposals: National Science Foundation, Israel Science Foundation.

Organizational activities

Tel Aviv/Hebrew University Joint Graduate Program in Linguistics. Program co-coordinator. (September 2014-today)

LLCC Seminar. The Hebrew University. Co-organizer. (September 2014-today)

Workshop on Negation and Polarity. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Co-organizer. (February 2015)

Workshop on Resumptive Pronouns. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Co-organizer. (July 2012)

Jerusalem/Tel Aviv Syntax-Semantics Reading Group. Co-founder and co-organizer. (2011-2012)

Experimental Synax and Semantics Lab manager at LLCC. (2011-2013)

MIT Syntax-Semantics Reading Group. Co-organizer. (2007, 2009)