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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

2016-2019. Volkswagen Stiftung (Lower Saxony-Israel Cooperation).

The landscape of n-words. (co-PIs Ivy Sichel, Hedde Zeijlstra)

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.

2014-2017. Israel Science Foundation (ISF).

Polarity items across languages.

Publications

Edited volumes

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

Journal publications

Crnič, Luka, Emmanuel Chemla and Danny Fox. (2015) "Scalar implicatures of embedded disjunction." *Natural Language Semantics* 23: 217-305.

doi: [10.1007/s11050-015-9116-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11050-015-9116-x)

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

doi: [10.1007/s11050-014-9104-6](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/10.1093/jos/ffs018)

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

doi: [10.7358/snip-2012-026-crni](https://doi.org/10.7358/snip-2012-026-crni)

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

doi: [10.1007/s11050-008-9026-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11050-008-9026-2)

Book chapters

- Crnić, Luka. (2014) “Against a Dogma on NPI Licensing.” In: L. Crnić and U. Sauerland (eds.) *The Art and Craft of Semantics: A Festschrift for Irene Heim*, Vol. 1, pp. 117-145. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.
- Crnić, Luka. (2014) “Introduction - biographical notes.” In: L. Crnić and U. Sauerland (eds.) *The Art and Craft of Semantics: A Festschrift for Irene Heim*, Vol. 1, pp. 1-7. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.
- Crnić, Luka. (2013) “How to get *even* with desires and imperatives.” In: E. Csipak, R. Eckardt, and M. Sailer (eds.) *Beyond any and ever*, pp. 127-154. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.

Conference proceedings

- Crnić, 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*.
- Crnić, 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*.
- Crnić, Luka. (2015) “Ellipsis, Polarity, and Parallelism.” In: D’Antonio, Sarah and Mia Wiegand (eds.) *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 25*. pp. 308-327.
- Crnić, Luka. (2011) “How to get *even* with desires.” In: N. Ashton, A. Chereches, D. Lutz (eds.) *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 21*.
- Crnić, Luka and Tue Trinh. (2011) “On the rise and fall of declaratives.” In: I. Reich (ed.) *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 15*.
- Crnić, Luka. (2010) “On the (non-)cumulativity of cumulative quantifiers.” In: M. Prinzhorn, V. Schmitt, S. Zabel (eds.) *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 14*.
- Crnić, Luka. (2009) “Indefiniteness in counting.” In: University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics 16.
- Crnić, Luka and Tue Trinh. (2009) “Embedding imperatives.” In: S. Lima, K. Mullin, B. Smith (eds.) *Proceedings of North East Linguistic Society 39*.
- Crnić, Luka and Tue Trinh. (2009) “Embedding imperatives in English.” In: A. Riester, T. Solstad (eds.) *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 13*.
- Crnić, Luka. (2008) “Correlatives, conditionals and contrast.” In: A. Antonenko, J. Bailyn, and C. Bethin (eds.) *Proceedings of Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 16*.

Presentations

Invited presentations

Splitting the atoms of subtractive modification.

Logic in Language and Conversation Workshop, University of Utrecht, Holland (September 2016)

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. (2016) More on *less*. *North East Linguistic Society* 47. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, USA.
- 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. Univesity of Saarbrücken, 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 Autonomia 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

Summer schools and mini courses

Advanced course on Negative Polarity Items.
ESSLI 26, University of Tübingen (09/2014)

Negative Polarity Items.
Tel Aviv University, Department of Linguistics (04/2013)

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Advanced Introduction to Semantics. Fall 2014, Fall 2015.

Cognitive Processes A. Spring 2015, Spring 2016.

Corpora and Statistics. Spring 2014.

Introduction to Semantics. Spring 2012.

Introduction to the Study of Language for Cognitive Science. Spring 2015, Spring 2016.

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

Seminar in Syntax-Semantics. Fall 2013. Fall 2014.

MIT

MIT Graduate Student Teaching Certificate. Summer 2011.

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

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

University of Tübingen

Introduction to Syntax and Semantics. Spring 2006. Instructor.

Service

Selected university functions (Hebrew University)

M.A. Advisor. (09/2016-today)

Linguistics Colloquium co-organizer. (09/2016-today)

LLCC Seminar organizer. (09/2014-today)

Tel Aviv/Hebrew University Joint Graduate Program in Linguistics.
Program co-coordinator. (09/2014-today)

Organizational activities

IATL 32 Conference.
Co-organizer. (10/2016)

MIT Exhaustivity Workshop.
Co-organizer. (09/2016)

Tel Aviv/Hebrew University Winter School on Exhaustivity.
Co-organizer. (12/2015)

Workshop on Negation and Polarity.
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
Co-organizer. (02/2015)

Workshop on Resumptive Pronouns.
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
Co-organizer. (07/2012)

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

Experimental Syntax and Semantics Lab.
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
Manager. (2011-2013)

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

Reviewer

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