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Education

2009 -
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, USA
 Department of Linguistics and Philosophy
 PhD Program in Linguistics (5-year PhD program in syntax)

2008 - 2009
 Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv, Israel
 Department of Linguistics
 MA student in Linguistics

2007 - 2008
 Humboldt University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany
 Department of Linguistics
 Exchange student

2004 - 2007
 Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv, Israel
 Department of Linguistics
 BA in Linguistics and Political Science, Summa cum Laude

Other Academic Experience

2004 - 2007
 The Goethe Institute, Tel-Aviv, Israel
 Proficiency: Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung (ZOP) certification

Refereed Papers

Journal Papers

To appear. **Kotek, Hadas**. *Wh*-fronting in a two-probe system. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*. (accepted 2012)

Book Chapters

To appear. **Kotek, Hadas**. The syntax-semantics interface in Hebrew. *The encyclopedia of Hebrew language and linguistics*, ed. Khan, Geoffrey. Boston: Brill publishing. (accepted 2011)

2011. **Kotek, Hadas**, Yasutada Sudo, Edwin Howard, and Martin Hackl. *Most* meanings are superlative. *Syntax and Semantics: Experiments at the Interfaces*, edited by J. Runner, 37:101-145. ISBN: 978-1-78052-374-3.

Conference Proceedings

To appear. **Kotek, Hadas** and Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine. Diagnosing covert pied-piping. *Proceedings of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS) 43*.

2013. **Kotek, Hadas**. Intervention, covert movement, and focus computation in multiple *wh*-questions. *LSA Annual Meeting extended abstracts*.

2013. Sugawara, Ayaka, **Hadas Kotek**, Martin Hackl and Ken Wexler. Long vs. short QR: Evidence from the acquisition of ACD. *Proceedings of Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD) 37*. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press.

2012. **Kotek, Hadas**. Readings of Hebrew Multiple Questions. *Proceedings of the 30th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)*, ed. Nathan Arnett and Ryan Bennett, 216-225. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

2011. **Kotek, Hadas**, Yasutada Sudo, Edwin Howard, and Martin Hackl. Three readings of *most*. *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 21*, eds. Ashton, Neil, Anca Chereches and David Lutz, 353-372.

2010. **Kotek, Hadas**. Degree relatives, definiteness and shifted reference. *Proceedings of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS) 40*.

2008. **Kotek, Hadas**. Resolving complement anaphora. *NEALT proceedings series (2): Proceedings of the second Workshop on Anaphora Resolution (WAR II)*, ed. Johansson, Christer, 41-53.

Manuscripts

2013. **Kotek, Hadas**. Intervention out of islands. Under review by *Linguistic Inquiry* (submitted January 2013).

2013. **Kotek, Hadas** and Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine. Covert pied-piping in English multiple *wh*-questions. Under review by *Linguistic Inquiry* (submitted February 2013).

2013. Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine and **Hadas Kotek**. What's her face. Under review by *Snippets* (submitted April 2013).

2013. **Kotek, Hadas**, Yasutada Sudo, and Martin Hackl. Experimental investigations of ambiguity: The case of *most*. Under review by *Natural Language Semantics* (submitted May 2013).

2013. Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine and **Hadas Kotek**. A streamlined approach to online linguistic surveys. Under review by *Language and Linguistics Compass* (submitted May 2013).
Tools available at: https://github.com/mitcho/turktools

In prep. **Kotek, Hadas** and Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine. Blocking effects in English causatives.

Fellowships, Honors and Awards

2013-2014. NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant #1251717 "Experimental Investigations of Multiple *wh*-Questions" ($4,953). PI Martin Hackl, co-PI David Pesetsky.

2012. MIT linguistics grant for experimental work on pied piping in *wh*-questions and focus constructions, with Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine.

2012. Ken Hale fund grant (MIT) for fieldwork on Kaqchikel, with Samer Alxatib.

2009-2014. Presidential Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

2008-2009. Fellowship at the Department of Linguistics, Tel-Aviv University. Supported by the Israeli Science Foundation grant no. 700/06.

2007-2008. "Berlin Scholarship," 1-year program at the Humboldt University of Berlin. Stiftung Erinnerung, Verantwortung und Zukunft – Remembrance and Future fund.

2006. The city of Frankfurt scholarship for a summer course at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany.

2006-2007. Dean's list (Political Science, Tel-Aviv University).

2004-2005. Rector's scholarship (Linguistics, Tel-Aviv University).
Awarded to the top 0.1% of students at the university each year.

2004-2005. Dean's list (Political Science, Tel-Aviv University).

Talks and Presentations

Invited talks

2012. **Hadas Kotek**. *Experimental investigations of most*. Invited talk at Tohoku University, June 2012.

2012. Hisagi, Miwako, Shigeru Miyagawa, Valerie Shafer, **Hadas Kotek**, Ayaka Sugawara, Winifred Strange, and Dimitrios Pantazis. *Perception of Japanese vowel duration contrasts by L1 and L2 learners of Japanese: An EEG/MEG study*. Poster at the McGovern Institute Annual Symposium: Magnetoencephalo-graphy: Applications to Cognitive Neuroscience, MIT, April 2012

2012. **Hadas Kotek**. *What Hebrew multiple questions can teach us about interrogative probing, and how*. Invited talk at the Hebrew University/Tel-Aviv University syntax-semantics reading group, Tel-Aviv University, January 2012.

2012. **Hadas Kotek**. *Many readings of Most*. Invited talk at the Experimental Syntax-Semantics Lab meeting at the Logic, Language and Cognition Center, Hebrew University, January 2012.

2011. Martin Hackl, Edwin Howard, **Hadas Kotek** and Yasutada Sudo. *Verifying Most*. The 3rd Workshop on Semantic Processing, Logic and Cognition. University of Tübingen, July 2011.

Refereed Conference Presentations

2013. **Hadas Kotek**. *Intervention, covert movement, and focus computation in multiple wh-questions*. Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Boston, January 2013.

2013. Erlewine, Michael Yoshitaka and **Hadas Kotek**. *Intervention effects and covert pied-piping in English multiple questions*. Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Boston, January 2013.

2012. Sugawara, Ayaka, **Hadas Kotek**, Martin Hackl and Ken Wexler. *Long vs. short QR: Evidence from the acquisition of ACD*. Talk presented at the Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD) 37, Boston University, November 2012.

2012. Erlewine, Michael Yoshitaka and **Hadas Kotek**. *Diagnosing covert pied-piping*. Talk presented at the North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 43, City University of New York, October 2012.

2012. Sugawara, Ayaka, **Hadas Kotek**, Martin Hackl and Ken Wexler. *Long vs. short QR: Evidence from the acquisition of ACD*. Poster presented at Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition-North America (GALANA) 5, University of Kansas, October 2012.

2012. Sugawara, Ayaka, **Hadas Kotek**, Martin Hackl and Ken Wexler. *Long vs. short QR: Evidence from the acquisition of ACD*. Talk presented at GLOW in Asia IX, workshop on experimental linguistics, Mie University, Japan, September 2012.

2012. **Hadas Kotek**, Yasutada Sudo, Fullwood, Michelle and Martin Hackl. *Language and number sense: ANS representations for Most*. Poster presented at the Cognitive Science Society, Sapporo, Japan, August 2012.

2012. Alxatib, Samer and **Hadas Kotek**. *Modals in Patzun Kaqchikel*. Talk presented at Formal Approaches to Mayan Linguistics (FAMLi) II, Patzun, Guatemala, August 2012.

2012. **Kotek, Hadas**, Yasutada Sudo, and Martin Hackl. *Many readings of Most*. Poster presented at Semantics and Linguistics Theory (SALT) 22, University of Chicago, May 2012.

2012. Hisagi, Miwako, Shigeru Miyagawa, Valerie Shafer, Hadas Kotek, Ayaka Sugawara, Winifred Strange, and Dimitrios Pantazis. Perception of Japanese vowel duration contrasts by L1 and L2 learners of Japanese: An EEG/MEG study. Poster presented at the 6th conference on mismatch negativity and its clinical and scientific applications, CUNY, May 2012.

2012. **Kotek, Hadas**, Yasutada Sudo, and Martin Hackl. *Many readings of Most*. Talk presented at the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS) 48, University of Chicago, April 2012.

2012. **Kotek, Hadas**. *A headedness distinction in Hebrew wh-phrases*. Talk presented at the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 30, University of California at Santa Cruz, April 2012.

2012. **Kotek, Hadas**. *Wh-fronting in a two-probe system*. Talk presented at the GLOW colloquium 35, University of Potsdam, March 2012.

2011. **Kotek, Hadas**, Yasutada Sudo, Edwin Howard, and Martin Hackl. *A superlative Reading of Most*. Talk presented at the European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI) 23, workshop on the Proper Use of Quantification in Ordinary Language (PUQOL), Ljubljana, August 2011.

2011. **Kotek, Hadas**, Yasutada Sudo, Edwin Howard, and Martin Hackl. *Is Most More than half*? Poster presented at Semantics and Linguistics Theory (SALT) 21, Rutgers University, May 2011.

2011. **Kotek, Hadas**, Yasutada Sudo, Edwin Howard, and Martin Hackl. *A superlative Reading of Most*. Talk presented at the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 29, University of Arizona, April 2011.

2011. **Kotek, Hadas**, Yasutada Sudo, Edwin Howard, and Martin Hackl. *A superlative Reading of Most*. Talk presented at the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS) 47, University of Chicago, April 2011.

2011. **Kotek, Hadas**, Yasutada Sudo, Micha Breakstone and Martin Hackl. *Priming Effects with Complex Determiners*. Poster presented at the CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing 24, Stanford University, March 2011.

2011. **Kotek, Hadas**, Yasutada Sudo, Edwin Howard, Micha Breakstone and Martin Hackl. *Effects of domain complexity on verification procedures for Most and More than half*. Poster presented at the CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing 24, Stanford University, March 2011.

2009. Grosu, Alexander and **Hadas Kotek**. *An 'Unexpected' Relative Construction in Romanian.* Talk presented at the North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 40, MIT, November 2009.

2008. **Kotek, Hadas.** *Resolving Complement Anaphora*. Talk presented at the workshop on Anaphora Resolution (WAR) II, University of Bergen, August 2008.

Other Presentations

2011. **Kotek, Hadas**, Yasutada Sudo and Martin Hackl. *Varieties of Most*. Poster presented at Ling50, MIT, December 2011.

2011. **Kotek, Hadas**. *Enriching the typology of wh-fronting languages: Two kinds of wh-phrases in Modern Hebrew*. Poster presented at Ling50, MIT, December 2011.

2011. **Kotek, Hadas** and Yasutada Sudo. *Priming Effects with Complex Determiners*. Talk presented at the Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS), University of Connecticut, April 2011.

2010. **Kotek, Hadas**. *Definite and Indefinite Amount Relatives: Evidence from Romanian*. Talk presented at the Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS), Harvard, February 2010.

Departmental Presentations

2013. **Kotek, Hadas** and Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine. *Blocking in English causatives*. Ling Lunch, MIT, March 2013.

2012. **Hadas Kotek**. *Wh-coordination in free relatives: a recent NELS presentation by Citko&Gracanin-Yuksek*. Syntax Square, MIT, November 2012.

2012. Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine and **Kotek, Hadas**. *Diagnosing covert pied-piping*. Syntax Square, MIT, October 2012.

2012. **Kotek, Hadas**. *A headedness distinction in Hebrew wh-phrases*. Syntax Square, MIT, April 2012.

2012. **Kotek, Hadas**. *Wh-fronting in a two-probe system*. Syntax Square, MIT, March 2012.

2012. **Kotek, Hadas**. *Detecting covert movement: Multiple questions and any-every*. Experimental Syntax-Semantics lab meeting, MIT, March 2012.

2012. Yasutada Sudo and **Kotek, Hadas**. *Analyzing Many and Most*. Experimental Syntax-Semantics lab meeting, MIT, March 2012.

2012. **Kotek, Hadas**. *Blocking effects in ERPs*. Experimental Syntax-Semantics lab meeting, MIT, February 2012.

2011. **Kotek, Hadas**. *A superlative reading of Most*. LF Reading Group, MIT, March 2011.

2010. **Kotek, Hadas**. *Intervention effects in Hebrew multiple questions.* Ling Lunch, MIT, September 2010.

2010. **Kotek, Hadas**. *Colors experiment: Design and ideas*. Experimental Syntax-Semantics lab meeting, MIT, July 2010

2010. **Kotek, Hadas**. D*efinite and indefinite amount relatives: Evidence from Romanian*. LF Reading Group, MIT, February 2010.

2010. **Kotek, Hadas**. *Total-partial gradable adjectives in plurals and donkey sentences: a scale analysis*. The MIT First-years' mini-conference, MIT, February 2010.

Teaching Experience

MIT

Summer 2013. Instructor, 'The Science of Language: Introduction to Linguistics,' HSSP (High-School Study Program). 7-week long course; covers some basics of linguistic theory, for grades 7-12.

Spring 2013. Organizer and co-instructor, 'Turkshop.' Hands-on workshop on the use of Amazon Mechanical Turk at the Experimental Syntax-Semantics lab. Six 2-hour sessions, dealing with experimental design, technical skills, data analysis. (with Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine)

Spring 2013. Co-instructor, 'Introduction to Linguistics,' HSSP (High-School Study Program). 7-week long course; covers some basics of linguistic theory, for grades 10-12. (with Iain Giblin and Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine).

Fall 2012. Teaching assistant, 'Introduction to Linguistics' (undergraduate, instructor: David Pesetsky). Organized and taught a weekly section, met with students, graded assignments and papers.

Fall 2011. Teaching assistant, 'Introduction to Semantics' (graduate, instructors: Martin Hackl and Benjamin R. George). Organized and taught a weekly section, met with students.

Spring 2011. Teaching assistant, 'Introduction to Linguistics' (undergraduate instructor: David Pesetsky). Organized and taught a weekly section, met with students, graded assignments and papers.

Tel-Aviv University, Department of Linguistics

Spring 2009. Teaching assistant, 'Introduction to Semantics' (undergraduate, instructor: Nirit Kadmon). Organized and taught two weekly sections, met with students, graded assignments and final exam.

Fall 2008. Teaching assistant, 'Foundations of Formal Semantics' (graduate and undergraduate, instructor: Nirit Kadmon). Organized and taught weekly section, met with students, graded assignments and take-home exam.

Research Experience

MIT, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy

Spring 2012-Summer 2012. Research assistant. Principal investigator: Shigeru Miyagawa. EEG/MEG study of blocking in English (Supported by MISTI grant, MIT).

Fall 2011-Summer 2012. Research assistant. Principal investigator: Shigeru Miyagawa. EEG/MEG study of second-language acquisition of Japanese by English native-speakers.

Summer 2011. Research assistant, Experimental Syntax and Semantics Lab. Principal investigator: Martin Hackl.

Summer 2010. Research assistant, Experimental Syntax and Semantics Lab. Principal investigator: Martin Hackl. Lead researcher for Experiment 9: "Multiple Colors." (Supported by NSF Grant 0642478: Experimental Investigations of Verification Procedures for Quantified Statements.)

Tel-Aviv University, Department of Linguistics

Fall 2008-Summer 2009. Research assistant, Principal investigators: Fred Landman and Alexander Grosu. Projects included (a) "Partial Degrees" in Romanian, (b) Internally Headed Relative Clauses in Japanese and Korean. (Supported by Israeli Science Foundation grant no. 700/06.)

Centre for General Linguistics (ZAS), Berlin

Summer 2008. Research assistant. Principal investigator: Hans-Martin Gärtner. Project Area 5: "Incrementality in Syntax and (Discourse-) Semantics."

Spring-Summer 2008. Research assistant. Independent project studying Maria Bittner's theory of Surface Composition as Bridging (2001).

Other work experience

Fall 2005-Spring 2006. Linguistics consultant for *Ontology Ltd.* Built semantic concepts for a learning machine designed to sort news articles into categories across several European languages. Compiled training sets for the Spanish element of the machine; Responsible for training the machine.

Service and Memberships

Journal reviewer: Syntax (2012-2013)

Abstract reviewer: FASL (2011), ESSLLI Student Session (2013)

Memberships: Linguistic Society of America (2010 -)

Other service:

2011-2014. Organizer, office assignments for linguistics graduate students.

2011- 2013. Organizer, Experimental Syntax-Semantics lab meetings.

2011. Co-organizer, 50 years of Linguistics at MIT, scientific reunion.

2010-2011. MIT Linguistics Graduate Student Representative.

2010. Organizer, first-years' mini-conference at MIT linguistics.

2009-2010. Assistant manager, MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.

Languages

Native: Hebrew
Fluent: English, German
Conversational: Arabic, Spanish
Beginner: French, Japanese
Fieldwork: Kaqchikel (Mayan)