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Fields of Research Interest

Formal semantics, pragmatics and syntax-semantics interface.

Specifically: focus particles, *wh*-items, plurality, conditionals, information structure, conversational implicatures.

Education

Ph.D. Linguistics, Rutgers University, 2016.

Dissertation: “Varieties of Alternatives”.

Committee: V. Dayal (chair), S. Charlow, M. C. Baker, G. Chierchia.

M.A. Chinese Language and Literature, Peking University, 2010.

Advisor: Xiufang Dong.

B.A. Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language & French (minor), East China Normal University, 2007.

Employment

Associate Professor, Tsinghua University, Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures, 12/2021–

Assistant Professor, Tsinghua University, Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures, 2/2018–11/2021

Assistant Professor, Hunan University, College of Foreign Languages, 8/2016–1/2018

Teaching Experience

Tsinghua University: Intro to Formal Semantics (2018–23 fall), Graduate Semantics (2018-23 fall),
Intro to Formal Pragmatics (2019-23 spring), Analyzing Natural Language Phenomena in a Formal Way (2019
spring, 2021-2023 spring)

Hunan University: Syntax (2017 Spring), Introduction to Linguistics (2017 spring)

Rutgers University: Introduction to Linguistics (2013 spring),

Peking University: Introduction to Linguistics (TA to Prof. Xiufang Dong, 2008 fall)

Publications

Books

1. Liu M. (2023). A Bidirectional Systematic Study of Multifunctional Adverbs and Related Grammatical Phenomena. Peking University Press (in Chinese).
2. Liu M. M. (2018). [Varieties of alternatives: focus particles and *wh*-expressions in Mandarin](#). Springer and Peking University Press, Frontiers in Chinese Linguistics Series.

Journal Papers

3. Liu, M. (2023) [Additivity, scalarity and Mandarin Universal *wh*'s](#). *Natural Language Semantics*.
4. Liu, M. (2023) On *wh-dou* and free choice *wh*-items. *Chinese Teaching in the World* (2) (in Chinese).
5. Liu, M. (2023) On the felicity conditions of *dou*. *Contemporary Linguistics* (1). (in Chinese)
6. Liu, M. (2021) [A pragmatic explanation of the *mei-dou* co-occurrence in Mandarin](#). *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* 30(3).
7. Li, Y., Zhou, P. & Liu, M. (2021) [Donkey pronouns in child Mandarin: Insights into the \$\exists/\forall\$ dichotomy](#). *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 6(1).
8. Liu M. & Cui Y.Y. (2019). Situating Mandarin *wh*-indefinites in the Typology of Modal Indefinites. *Journal of Foreign Languages* (3).
9. Liu M. (2017). [Varieties of alternatives: Mandarin focus particles](#). *Linguistics & Philosophy* 40(1).
10. Liu M. (2017). Mandarin conditional conjunctions and *only*. *Studies in Logic* (2).

In Revisions

11. Liu, M. (Minor Revisions) Universal *wh*'s and *wh*-quantification in Mandarin. *Journal of Semantics*.

Edited Volumes

12. Deng, D., Liu, M., Westerståhl, D. & Xie, K. Dynamics in Logic and Language: Third Tsinghua Interdisciplinary Workshop on Logic, Language and Meaning, TLLM 2022, Virtual Event, April 1-4, 2022, Revised Selected Papers. (Lecture Notes in Computer Science) Springer Berlin Heidelberg.
13. Deng, D., Liu, F., Liu, M. & Westerståhl, D. Monotonicity in Logic and Language: Second Tsinghua Interdisciplinary Workshop on Logic, Language and Meaning, TLLM 2020, Beijing, China, December 17-20, 2020, Proceedings. (Lecture Notes in Computer Science) Springer Berlin Heidelberg.

Proceedings

14. Liu M. & Yang Y. (2021). Modal *wh*-indefinites in Mandarin. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB)* 25..
15. Liu M. (2020). Universal Quantification in Mandarin. *Monotonicity in Logic and Language. Lecture Notes in Computer Science*. Springer Berlin Heidelberg.
16. Liu M. (2019). Explaining the Exceptive-Additive Ambiguity in Mandarin. *Proceedings of the 22nd Amsterdam Colloquium*.
17. Liu M. (2019). Unifying Universal and Existential *wh*'s in Mandarin. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 29.
18. Liu M. (2019). Universal *wh*'s in Mandarin. *Proceedings of the 49th North East Linguistics Society (NELS)*.
19. Liu M. (2018). Short answers to questions in Mandarin *wh*-conditionals. *Proceedings of the 48th North East Linguistics Society (NELS)*.
20. Liu M. (2017). Dou-quantification, distributivity, and alternative semantics. *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 84: Proceedings of GLOW in Asia XI - Volume 1*.
21. Liu M. (2016). Mandarin *dou*: the common core of distributivity, maximality, and EVEN. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB)* 21.
22. Liu M. (2016). [Mandarin *wh*-conditionals as interrogative conditionals](#). *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 26.

23. Liu M. (2016). Exclusive (dis)harmonies in Mandarin Chinese. *Proceedings of PLC 39*.
24. Liu M. (2016). Non-exclusive ‘only’ in Mandarin Chinese. *Proceedings of CLS50*.
25. Liu M. (2015). Participant Sharing in Chinese Resultatives. *Proceedings of PLC38*.
26. Liu M. (2014). Mandarin Resultative Verb Compound Involves VP Complementation *Proceedings of PLC37*.

Grants and Awards

PI: “Alternative semantics and Mandarin functional adverbs: a systematic perspective.” National Social Science Foundation of China (17CYY062), 2017-2023.

Shortlist for “Frontiers in Chinese Linguistics (FiCL) Thesis of the Year”, 2017.

Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, Rutgers University and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 2015-16.

Excellence Fellowship, Rutgers University, 2010-2013, 2014-2015.

Mellon Summer Research Grant, Rutgers University, 2012.

Professional Activities

Reviewer, *Language, Linguistics & Philosophy*, *Journal of Semantics*, *Natural Language Semantics*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *Syntax*, *Journal of East Asian Linguistics*, *Language and Linguistics*, *Journal of Chinese Linguistics*, *Linguistics*, *Folia Linguistica*, *Studia Linguistica*, *SALT*, *NELS*, *WCCFL*, Hong Kong RGC proposal, Routledge, Peking University Press and so on.

Organizer, [Tsinghua Interdisciplinary Workshop on Logic, Language, and Meaning](#) (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024).

Organizing Member, ICTEAP 2, 2018.

Organizing member, MACSIM IV, 2014.

Co-Organizer, The Rutgers Semantic Research Group (SurGe), 2012-2014

Co-Organizer, Syntactic Theory at Rutgers (ST@R), 2011

Organizing Member, SALT 21, Rutgers, 2011.

Miscellaneous

Programming Languages: L^AT_EX, Haskell

Natural Languages: Mandarin (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate)

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