

*email:* prerna.nadathur@uni-konstanz.de,  
pnadathur@gmail.com  
*website:* pnadathur.github.io

*mailing address:* Zukunftskolleg  
Universität Konstanz, Box 216  
78457 Konstanz  
Germany

## Employment

*The Ohio State University*, starting August 2022  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Linguistics

*Universität Konstanz*, September 2021–August 2022  
Postdoctoral Fellow (project: *Linguistic inference and the representation of causation*)  
Zukunftskolleg and Department of Linguistics

*Hebrew University of Jerusalem*, March 2021–September 2021  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
Language, Logic, and Cognition Center

*University of California, Berkeley*, August 2020–December 2020  
Lecturer in Semantics  
Department of Linguistics

*Heinrich Heine Universität Düsseldorf*, October 2019–August 2020  
Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecturer (wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin)  
Institut für Sprache und Information

## Education

*Stanford University*, Ph.D. in Linguistics, 2013–2019  
*Dissertation:* Causality, aspect, and modality in actuality inferences  
*Committee:* Cleo Condoravdi (chair), Itamar Francez (Univ. of Chicago), Daniel Lassiter, Beth Levin  
*University of Oxford*, M.Phil. (Distinction) in General Linguistics & Comparative Philology, 2011–2013  
*Thesis:* If ... (and only if): conditional perfection and completeness  
*University of Chicago*, A.B. (Honours) in Mathematics, 2006–2010  
*Minors:* Linguistics, philosophy

## Selected honours and awards

*Excellence Fellowship for International Postdoctoral Researchers*, awarded Apr 2021 (declined)  
Council for Higher Education and Israel Academy of Science and Humanities

*Gerhard Casper Stanford Graduate Fellow*, Sept 2013–Mar 2018  
Department of Linguistics, Stanford University

*George Wolf Prize* (for best overall performance in M.Phil./M.St.), July 2013  
Department of Linguistics, Philology, and Phonetics, University of Oxford

*Rhodes Scholar* (2011, Minnesota; Magdalen College)  
Rhodes Trust and University of Oxford

*Phi Beta Kappa*, inducted Spring 2010  
University of Chicago

## Publications

- Nadathur, Prerna, and Hana Filip. 2021, forthcoming. Telicity, teleological modality, and (non)culmination. *Proceedings of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* 2021. [[ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/006384](https://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/006384)]
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2021. Causality and aspect in ability, actuality, and implicativity. *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 2020*, pp.409–429. [[doi.org/10.3765/salt.v30i0.4847](https://doi.org/10.3765/salt.v30i0.4847)]
- Nadathur, Prerna and Sven Lauer. 2020. Causal necessity, causal sufficiency, and the implications of causative verbs. *Glossa*, 5, 49.1–37. Special Collection: *The Grammar of Dispositions*, Fabienne Martin and Tillmann Pross (eds.). [[doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.497](https://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.497)]
- Nadathur, Prerna and Daniel Lassiter. 2018. An experimental look at the negative implications of exceptives. In *Proceedings of the North East Linguistics Society* 48, pp.201–210.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2017. Implicative inferences and causality in *enough* and *too* constructions. In *Proceedings of the 21st Amsterdam Colloquium*, pp.355–364.
- Lauer, Sven, and Prerna Nadathur. 2016. Quantified indicative conditionals and the relative reading of “most.” In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 2016*, pp.767–784.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2016. Causal necessity and sufficiency in implicativity. In *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 2016*, pp.1002–1021. [[doi.org/10.3765/salt.v26i0.3863](https://doi.org/10.3765/salt.v26i0.3863)]
- Nadathur, Prerna and Daniel Lassiter. 2014. Unless: an experimental approach. In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 2014*, pp.426–444.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2014. *Unless*, exceptionality, and conditional strengthening. In *Proceedings of ESSLLI 2014 Student Session*, pp.109–120.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2013. Weak crossover and the direct association hypothesis. In Miriam Butt and Tracy Holloway King (eds.), *Proceedings of the LFG13 Conference*, pp.461–481. Stanford: CSLI.

## Manuscripts

- Nadathur, Prerna. (Monograph, expected 2022.) *Actuality inferences: causality, aspect, and modality*. Oxford University Press, under contract.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2022. Causal semantics for implicative verbs. Under review.
- Bar-Asher Siegal, Elitzur and Prerna Nadathur (in prep). Modeling progress: telic predicates, causal models, and the imperfective paradox.
- Nadathur, Prerna and Daniel Lassiter (2019, in revision for resubmission). *Unless*, exceptives, and the pragmatics of conditionals. [[ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/006418](https://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/006418)]
- Lauer, Sven and Prerna Nadathur (2018, in revision). Sufficiency causatives. For resubmission to *Journal of Semantics*. [[ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/006417](https://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/006417)]
- Nadathur, Prerna (in prep). Aspect and actuality: a causal account of variable implicativity in *enough* and *too* constructions.

## Conference presentations (talks)

- Nadathur, Prerna & Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal. 2022. Modeling progress: event types, causal models, and the imperfective paradox. *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* 40. Stanford University. May 13-15.
- Bar-Asher Siegal, Elitzur & Prerna Nadathur. 2022. Aiming at culmination: causal models, event types, and the imperfective paradox. *Agency and Intentions in Language* 2. Harvey Mudd College. Jan 12-14.

- Nadathur, Prerna. 2018. Causal dependence in ability and actuality. *11th California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics Conference*. University of California, Berkeley. Oct 27-28.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2018. Implicative behavior and causality in *enough* and *too* constructions. *Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*. Salt Lake City, Utah. Jan 4-7.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2017. Implicative inferences and causality in *enough* and *too* constructions. *Amsterdam Colloquium*. University of Amsterdam. Dec 20-22.
- Lauer, Sven and Prerna Nadathur. 2016. Quantified indicative conditionals and the relative reading of “most.” *Sinn und Bedeutung 2016*. University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Sept 4-6.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2016. Necessity, sufficiency, and implicativity. *Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*. Washington, DC. Jan 7-10.
- Nadathur, Prerna and Daniel Lassiter. 2015. Exceptive phrases and the negative condition. *8th California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics Conference*. Stanford University. Nov 6-7.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2015. Towards an explanatory account of conditional perfection. *Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*. Portland, Oregon. Jan 8-11.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2014. Finnish and English implicative verbs and their presuppositions. *7th California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics Conference*. University of California, Los Angeles. Nov 7-8.
- Nadathur, Prerna and Daniel Lassiter. 2014. *Unless*: an experimental approach. *Sinn und Bedeutung 2014*. Georg-August Universität Göttingen, Germany. Sept 15-17.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2014. *Unless*, exceptionality, and conditional strengthening. *European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information 2014 Student Session*. University of Tübingen, Germany. Aug 11-22.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2013. *Unless*, exceptionality, and conditional strengthening. *6th California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics Conference*. University of California, Berkeley. Oct 11-12.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2013. Weak crossover and the direct association hypothesis. *2013 Lexical-Functional Grammar Conference*. University of Debrecen, Hungary. July 18-20.

### Conference presentations (posters)

- Nadathur, Prerna and Hana Filip. 2021. Telicity, teleological modality, and (non)culmination. *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*. University of Arizona (held virtually). Apr 8-11.
- Nadathur, Prerna and Hana Filip. 2021. (Non)culmination inferences and teleological modality in telic predicates. *Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*. Virtual. Jan 7-10.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2020. Causality and aspect in ability, actuality, and implicativity. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 30*. Cornell University, Ithaca, New York (held virtually). Aug 17-20.
- Nadathur, Prerna and Daniel Lassiter. 2017. An experimental look at the negative implications of exceptives. *North East Linguistics Society 48*. University of Iceland, Reykjavík, Iceland. Oct 27-29.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2016. Causal necessity and sufficiency in implicativity. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 26*. University of Texas at Austin. May 12-15.
- Nadathur, Prerna and Daniel Lassiter. 2015. *Unless* as a restrictor of non-universal quantifiers. *Experimental Pragmatics 2015*. Chicago, Illinois. Jul 16-18.

## Other presentations (\* = invited talk)

- \*Nadathur, Prerna. 2022. [Joint work with Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal.] Modeling progress: event types, causal models, and the imperfective paradox. Institute of Linguistics, University of Stuttgart (colloquium). Jul 5.
- \*Nadathur, Prerna. 2022. Causation and the logic of ability. COCOA (Converging on Causal Ontology Analysis) hybrid workshop, CNRS Paris. Jun 28.
- \*Nadathur, Prerna. 2022. [Joint work with Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal.] Modeling progress: event types, causal models, and the imperfective paradox. Comparative Syntax seminar, Centre for Linguistics, University of Leiden. Jun 2.
- \*Nadathur, Prerna. 2022. Causal dependence in actuality inferences: *enough* and *too* predicates as a case study. Dept of Linguistics, Ohio State University (colloquium). Feb 18.
- \*Nadathur, Prerna. 2022. [Joint work with Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal.] Aiming at culmination: causal models, event types, and the imperfective paradox. *Construction of Meaning Workshop*, Dept of Linguistics, Stanford University. Jan 26.
- \*Bar-Asher Siegal, Elitzur & Prerna Nadathur. 2021. Modeling progress: causal models and the imperfective paradox. Dept of Linguistics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (colloquium). Nov 30.
- \*Nadathur, Prerna. 2021. Causal dependence in ability and actuality. Dept of Linguistics, Universität Konstanz (colloquium). Nov 18.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2021. Talking about causation: *cause*, *make*, and causal intentions. *Jour Fixe* seminar, Zukunftskolleg, Universität Konstanz. Nov 16.
- Nadathur, Prerna & Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal. 2021. Modeling progress towards completion: causal models and the imperfective paradox. COCOA (Converging on Causal Ontology Analyses) Workshop. Jun 10.
- \*Nadathur, Prerna. 2021. Causal dependence in ability and actuality. Dept of Philosophy, Linguistics, and Theory of Science, University of Gothenburg (colloquium). Jun 8.
- \*Nadathur, Prerna. 2020. Causal dependence in ability and actuality. Institute for Logic, Language, and Computation, University of Amsterdam (colloquium). May 1.
- \*Nadathur, Prerna. 2020. Causal necessity and sufficiency in implicative entailments. Institute for Logic, Language, and Computation, University of Amsterdam. Apr 20.
- \*Nadathur, Prerna. 2020. Causality, aspect, and modality in actuality inferences. *Syntax and semantics circle*, Dept of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley. Feb 7.
- \*Nadathur, Prerna. 2019. Necessity, sufficiency, and actuality: causal dependence in implicative inferences. Dept of English, Saarland University (colloquium). Nov 6.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2019. Causal dependence in ability and actuality. *20th Semantics Fest*. Dept of Linguistics, Stanford University. Mar 16.
- \*Nadathur, Prerna. 2019. Sufficiency causatives. Cognitive science seminar, Dept of Linguistics, Stanford University. Mar 14.
- \*Nadathur, Prerna. 2018. Necessity, sufficiency, and actuality: causal dependence in implicative inferences. Dept of Linguistics, University of Southern California (colloquium). Mar 5.
- \*Nadathur, Prerna. 2018. [Joint work with Sven Lauer.] Quantified indicative conditionals and the relative reading of *most*. Dept of Linguistics, Rutgers University. Feb 28.
- \*Nadathur, Prerna. 2018. Necessity, sufficiency, and actuality: causal dependence in implicative inferences. Dept of Linguistics, Rutgers University (colloquium). Feb 27.

\*Nadathur, Prerna. 2017. Causality, aspect, and modality in actuality inferences. *NYU Semantics Group*, Dept of Linguistics, New York University. May 23.

Lauer, Sven & Prerna Nadathur. 2017. Causal necessity, causal sufficiency, and the implications of causative verbs. *Workshop: modeling causal dependencies in formal semantics*. University of Konstanz. May 22.

Lauer, Sven & Prerna Nadathur. 2016. Don't panic: the inverse reading of *most* conditionals. *17th Semantics Fest*. Dept of Linguistics, Stanford University. Mar 11.

Nadathur, Prerna. 2015. *Unless*, exceptionality, and the pragmatics of conditional statements. *Qualifying Paper Fest*. Dept of Linguistics, Stanford University. Apr 24.

\*Nadathur, Prerna. 2015. *Unless*: an experimental approach. *Unofficial Graduate Get-together in Semantics and Pragmatics*. Dept of Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz. Apr 11.

\*Nadathur, Prerna. 2014. Weak crossover, direct association, and focus sensitivity. *Syntax-Morphology Circle*, Dept of Linguistics, Stanford University. Apr 21.

Nadathur, Prerna. 2014. Towards an explanatory account of conditional perfection. *15th Semantics Fest*. Dept of Linguistics, Stanford University. Mar 14.

\*Nadathur, Prerna. 2012. Weak crossover and the direct association hypothesis. *South of England Lexical-Functional Grammar Meeting*. School of Oriental and African Studies, London. Nov 3.

## Teaching experience

*Department of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley*

Fall 2020 Instructor. *Formal Semantics* (undergraduate).

Fall 2020 Instructor. *Lexical Semantics* (undergraduate).

Fall 2020 Instructor. *Causal Structures in Semantics* (graduate seminar).

*Institut für Sprache und Information, Heinrich Heine Universität Düsseldorf*

Summer 2020 Instructor. *Introduction to Semantics/Einführung in die Semantik*. BA core module.

Summer 2020 Instructor. *Introduction to Modality*. BA/MA seminar.

Winter 2019 Instructor. *Causation in Semantics and Grammatical Structure*. BA/MA seminar.

Winter 2019 Instructor. *Lexical Semantics*. BA/MA seminar.

*Department of Linguistics, Stanford University*

2018–2019 Teaching assistant mentor, co-instructor for TA training workshop (Autumn, with Beth Levin).

Summer 2018 Instructor. *Language in Perception and Cognition*.

Autumn 2017 Grader. *Introduction to Lexical Semantics*. (Cleo Condoravdi)

Spring 2016 Teaching Assistant. *Crosslinguistic Syntax*. (Boris Harizhanov)

Autumn 2015 Teaching Assistant. *Introduction to Linguistics*. (Meghan Sumner)

Spring 2015 Grader. *Introduction to Lexical Semantics*. (Cleo Condoravdi, Annie Zaenen)

Winter 2015 Teaching Assistant. *Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics*. (Chris Potts)

*Department of Mathematics, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities*

2010–2011 Teaching Assistant. *Calculus I; Calculus II*.

*Department of Mathematics, University of Chicago*

2009–2010 Junior Tutor. *Studies in Mathematics*.

2007–2009 Junior Tutor. *Calculus*.

*Chicago Academic Achievement Program, University of Chicago*

Summer 2010 Course assistant, tutor. *Intro to Linear Algebra and Analysis*.

Summer 2009 Course assistant, tutor. *Precalculus*.

*Collegiate Scholars Program, University of Chicago*

Summer 2009 Assistant Instructor. *Topics in Geometry, Grades 11-12*.

*Young Scholars Program, University of Chicago*

Summer 2008 Counselor. *Algebra and Galois Theory; Programming in Java (Grades 11-12)*.

Summer 2007 Counselor. *Topics in Geometry, Programming in Scheme (Grades 9-10)*.

2007–2008 School-year Counselor. *Advanced topics in Mathematics (Grades 7-8)*.

*University of Minnesota Talented Youth Mathematics Program (Twin Cities)*

Fall 2005 Teaching Assistant. *Calculus II*

## Other pedagogical & mentorship experience

*Grundkurs Linguistik*, Institut für Sprache und Information, Heinrich Heine Universität: Introductory lecture in semantics (Dec 19, 2019).

Guest lectures, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University

- Causal semantics for implicative verbs (May 10, 2022), *Structure of Finnish*
- Ability modals and actuality entailments (Oct 15, 2018), *Semantics and Pragmatics II*
- Causative verbs (Nov 16, 2017), *Introduction to Lexical Semantics*
- Grice and the ‘rules’ of conversation (Oct 12, 2015), *Introduction to Linguistics*
- Pragmatic strengthening and scalar implicature (Apr 21, 2015), *Introduction to Lexical Semantics*
- Speech acts (Mar 5, 2015), *Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics*

Graduate student mentor (with Cleo Condoravdi) for undergraduate research interns, Summer 2016

- VPUE project: ‘Invited perfection’ (Vice Provost’s Office for Undergraduate Education)
- CSLI summer project: ‘Managing discourse: the role of turn-initial *then*’ (Center for the Study of Language and Information)

*Cascade! Teacher*, University of Chicago Splash!, Fall 2009

Co-taught five-week poetry workshop (*New methods in poetry*) for Chicago-area students.

*Eklavya* educational NGO, Bhopal, India, Jan-Apr 2006.

- assisted in teacher-training workshops in middle-grade mathematics and physics
- proof-read and provided critique for middle-grade science textbooks in development

## Academic & institutional service

Ad hoc review: *Analysis, Ergo, Glossa, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Natural Language Semantics, Semantics and Pragmatics*.

Abstract review: *Chicago Linguistic Society, Semantics and Linguistic Theory, West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*.

Organizing Committee, *SemFest Workshop*, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University, 2019 (20th anniversary) & 2014.

Graduate studies committee, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University, 2018–2019.

Organizing committee, *Qualifying Paper Fest*, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University, 2018.

Organizing committee, *8th California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics Conference*, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University, 2015.

Co-convenor, *Words With Friends Semantics discussion group*, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University, 2014–2016.

Colloquium Committee, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University, 2014–2016.

Financial Officer & Organizing Committee, Graduate Humanities and Social Sciences Society, Stanford University, 2014–2015.

Social Committee, Department of Linguistics, 2013–2014.

*Student Government*, University of Chicago  
2009–2010            Chair, Academic Freedom Initiative  
2008–2009            Class representative to College Council  
2008–2009            Finance Committee  
Winter 2009           Member, Uncommon Fund Grant Committee

### **Other service, extracurriculars, volunteer experience**

Middle Common Room Committee, Magdalen College, University of Oxford, 2012–2013.

Co-founder & primary chapter contact, *Students for a Democratic Society*, University of Chicago, 2008–2010.

*Assistant to Director of Undergraduate Studies in Mathematics*, University of Chicago, 2007–2009.

*Intern/assistant at Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti and Eklavya*, Bhopal, India, Jan-Apr 2006  
- Educational and women's advocacy organizations.

### **Professional membership**

*Member*, Linguistic Society of America, 2013–present

### **Additional skills**

*Languages*  
English (native); German (proficient/CEFR B2); Hindi (conversational)

*Programming familiarity*  
Python, C++, C, R, Javascript, Haskell, Scheme.

*Other professional qualifications*  
Associate (ATCL) in piano performance, Trinity College London. 2005.