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## Employment

*University of California, Berkeley*, August 2020–present  
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*, 2013–2019  
Ph.D., Linguistics  
*Dissertation*: Causality, aspect, and modality in actuality inferences  
*Committee*: Cleo Condoravdi (chair), Itamar Francez (University of Chicago), Daniel Lassiter, Beth Levin

*University of Oxford*, 2011–2013  
M.Phil. (Distinction), General Linguistics and Comparative Philology  
*Specializations*: Semantics, syntax, psycholinguistics  
*Thesis*: If ... (and only if): conditional perfection and completeness  
*Advisor*: Ash Asudeh

*University of Chicago*, 2006–2010  
A.B. (Honours), Mathematics  
*Minors*: Linguistics, philosophy

## Non-degree study

*Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, Spring 2017  
Visiting Student (Exchange Scholar Program), Department of Linguistics and Philosophy

*European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information*, Summer 2014  
University of Tübingen

## Selected honours and awards

*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 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.).
- 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.
- 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 and Daniel Lassiter (2019, in revision for resubmission). *Unless*, exceptives, and the pragmatics of conditionals.
- Lauer, Sven and Prerna Nadathur (2018, in revision). Sufficiency causatives. For resubmission to *Journal of Semantics*.
- Nadathur, Prerna (in prep). Aspect and actuality: a causal account of variable implicativity in *enough* and *too* constructions.
- Nadathur, Prerna (in prep). Causal dependence in the semantics of implicative verbs.

## Conference presentations (talks)

- 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. *Linguistics 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. *Linguistics 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. *Linguistics 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. 2020. Causality, aspect, and modality in actuality inferences. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 30*. Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. 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 – 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

- Nadathur, Prerna. 2020. Causal dependence in ability and actuality. Institute for Logic, Language, and Computation, University of Amsterdam (colloquium, invited). May 1.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2020. Causal necessity and sufficiency in implicative entailments. Institute for Logic, Language, and Computation, University of Amsterdam (invited). Apr 20.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2020. Causality, aspect, and modality in actuality inferences. *Syntax and semantics circle* (invited). 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, invited). 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. Dept of Linguistics, Stanford University (invited). Cognitive science seminar. Mar 14.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2018. Necessity, sufficiency, and actuality: causal dependence in implicative inferences. Dept of Linguistics, University of Southern California (colloquium, invited). Mar 5.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2018. [Joint work with Sven Lauer.] Quantified indicative conditionals and the relative reading of *most*. Dept of Linguistics, Rutgers University (invited). Feb 28.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2018. Necessity, sufficiency, and actuality: causal dependence in implicative inferences. Dept of Linguistics, Rutgers University (colloquium, invited). Feb 27.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2017. Causality, aspect, and modality in actuality inferences. *NYU Semantics Group* (invited). Dept of Linguistics, New York University. May 23.
- Lauer, Sven and 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 and 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* (invited). Dept of Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz. Apr 11.
- Nadathur, Prerna. 2014. Weak crossover, direct association, and focus sensitivity. *Syntax-Morphology Circle* (invited). 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. *9th South of England Lexical-Functional Grammar Meeting* (invited). School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK. Nov 3.

## Teaching experience

*Department of Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley*

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| Fall 2020 | Instructor. <i>Formal Semantics</i> (undergraduate).                  |
| Fall 2020 | Instructor. <i>Lexical Semantics</i> (undergraduate).                 |
| Fall 2020 | Instructor. <i>Causal Structures in Semantics</i> (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*

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*

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*

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

- 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, Glossa, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Natural Language Semantics, Semantics and Pragmatics*.

Abstract review: *Chicago Linguistic Society, Semantics and Linguistic Theory*.

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); Hindi (conversational)

### *Programming*

Python, C++, C, R, Javascript, Haskell, Scheme.

### *Other professional qualifications*

Associate (ATCL) in piano performance, Trinity College London. 2005.