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Education **University of Edinburgh**

Ph.D., Linguistics and English Language, 2016 - 2020 (Expected)
Supervisors: Prof Simon Kirby, Dr Marieke Schouwstra

MSc, Philosophy, 2015 - 2016

Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg

B.A., Philosophy, 2012 - 2015

Dissertation The Evolution of Scalar Semantics

I investigate the evolutionary mechanisms that lead to the emergence of cross-linguistically stable properties in the semantics of scalar language, including gradable adjectives, quantifiers, and modals.

Proceedings

Carcassi, F., Steinert-Threlkeld, S., Szymanik, J. (2019) The emergence of monotone quantifiers via iterated learning. Proceedings of the 41st Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society

Carcassi, F., Kirby, S., Schouwstra, M. (2018) The evolution of adjectival monotonicity. Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung

Talks

The emergence of monotone quantifiers via iterated learning
Cognitive Science Society, 27/07/2019

The semantic structure of gradable adjectives:
an experiment and a Bayesian model
Edinburgh's Centre for Language Evolution, 23/04/2019

The evolution of a semantic universal through iterated learning
Edinburgh's Mind and Cognition Group, 25/02/2019

Monotonicity in gradable adjectives:
an evolutionary model and some experimental results
Cognitive Semantics and Quantities seminar (Invited talk), 22/11/18

The evolution of adjectival monotonicity
Sinn und Bedeutung, 06/09/2018

The evolution of scalar terms' semantic structure
Societas Linguistica Europaea, 30/08/2018

The evolution of adjectival monotonicity
Edinburgh's Centre for Language Evolution, 19/06/2018

The evolution of monotonicity in the semantics of gradable adjectives
60th Language Lunch at Edinburgh (Poster), 7/12/2017

Putting adjectives on the square of oppositions
Edinburgh's Cognitive Science Society, 07/03/2016

Tutoring

University of Edinburgh

Guest Lecture for *Current Issues in Semantics and Pragmatics*, 2018
Introduction to Cognitive Science, 2018-2019
Logic 1 (Introduction to Logic), 2018-2019
Logic 2 (Introduction to Modal Logic), 2018-2019
Introduction to Cognitive Science, 2017-2018
LEL 1B (Introduction to Linguistics), 2017-2018
Mind, Matter and Language, 2017-2018
Mind, Matter and Language, 2016-2017

Awards

UK/EU Master's Scholarship, University of Edinburgh

Languages and Skills

Italian (native), English (advanced), German (C1)
Python, L^AT_EX, CSS/JavaScript/HTML

Reviewer

Workshop on Semantic Universals, Amsterdam Colloquium, 2019
CogSci, 2019
EvoLang, 2018
CogSci, 2018
Models of the Mind (Edinburgh), 2018

Book reviews

Orilia F. (2012), "Filosofia del tempo: Il dibattito contemporaneo",
Published in: ReF - Recensioni Filosofiche, 87

Public Engagement

Stand at International Science Fair, Edinburgh, 2018
Academic Support Officer, Edinburgh's Philosophy Society, 2016-2017