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AREAS OF INTEREST

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| <i>broad</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · formal, experimental, and computational modeling approaches to semantics and pragmatics · crosslinguistic semantics |
| <i>narrow</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · free choice, positive polarity, and scalarity <i>across categories</i> · numerals, indefinites, disjunction, modals |

EDUCATION

degree programs

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|-----------|---|
| 2013-2019 | PhD Linguistics, Harvard U
Decomposing logic: Modified numerals, polarity, and exhaustification
Committee: Gennaro Chierchia (chair), Kathryn Davidson, Anamaria Fălăuş, Roger Schwarzschild |
| 2011-2012 | MA Linguistics, U of Ottawa
The Romanian Presumptive Mood: Inferential evidentiality and upper-end degree epistemic modality
Advisor: Ana Arregui |
| 2007-2010 | BA Applied Modern Languages English and French, Lucian Blaga U of Sibiu |

other training

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| 16-22/06/2012 | North American Summer School of Logic, Language, and Information (NASSLLI), U of Texas at Austin |
| 2010-2011 | Chinese language course, Beijing Language and Culture U |
| Spring 2009 | Erasmus exchange term, Dept of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics, Aristotle U of Thessaloniki |

EMPLOYMENT / AFFILIATION

academic

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| 03/2021-now | Research Affiliate (visiting scholar), Centre de Lingüística Teòrica, U Autònoma de Barcelona |
| 07/2019-now | Research affiliate (associate of the department), Dept of Linguistics, Harvard U |
| 01-05/2020 | Teaching affiliate, Linguistics, Harvard Extension School |
| 09/2019-05/2020 | Assistant Head Tutor, Dept of Linguistics, Harvard U |
| 06/2016-05/2018 | Lab manager, Meaning and Modality Lab, Dept of Linguistics, Harvard U (PI: Kathryn Davidson) |
| 09/2015-05/2017 | Teaching Assistant and Tutorial Instructor, Dept of Linguistics, Harvard U |
| 09/2012-08/2013 | Research Assistant, Dept of Linguistics, U of Ottawa (PI: María Luisa Rivero) |
| 09/2011-05/2012 | Teaching Assistant, Dept of Linguistics, U of Ottawa |

other

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| 2007-now | Freelance English-Romanian translator and interpreter; academic English proofreader, copyeditor |
| 05-06/2011 | English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor, The Affiliated High-School of Peking U |
| 2002-2009 | English as a Second Language (ESL) tutor |

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Spring 2019	Conference travel grant, Harvard Graduate Student Council. \$750.
2018-2019	Dissertation completion fellowship, Harvard U. \$ 36,472.
2015-2016	Sosland Family Graduate Fellowship, Harvard U. \$9,435.
2014-2015	Sosland Family Graduate Fellowship, Harvard U. \$7,924.
2013-2014	Douglas Dillon Fellowship, Harvard U. \$25,300.
2011-2012	Differential admission scholarship, U of Ottawa. \$18,450.
2010-2011	Study abroad scholarship, Confucius Institute Sibiu
2007-2010	Merit scholarships, Lucian Blaga U of Sibiu
Spring 2009	Study abroad scholarship, Erasmus Mundus

PAPERS (*= first author or equal contribution)

articles in reviewing cycles at peer-reviewed journals

<i>under revision for resubmission</i>	Ignorance and polarity sensitivity in the grammar: From disjunction and indefinites to numerals. 45 pp.
<i>in prep</i>	Aspectual operators and polarity sensitivity. In Glossa special issue: <i>GLOWing papers 44: Selected Papers from the GLOW Online Conference in 2021</i> .
<i>in prep</i>	Singular, plural, modal. In <i>Isogloss</i> special issue: <i>Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory (RLT) 18: Selected Papers from LSRL 51</i> .

articles in abstract-reviewed conference proceedings, and other

<i>in prep</i>	Negative comparison, or how to be judgmental and ignorant with scalar alternatives. In <i>Proceedings of Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC)</i> 45.
<i>to appear</i>	Modified numerals and polarity sensitivity: Between O(nly)_{DA} and E(ven)_{SA}. In <i>Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB)</i> 25.
<i>to appear</i>	[Teodora Mihoc and Kathryn Davidson.] Superlative-modified numerals and negation: A multiply negotiable cost. In <i>Proceedings of Experiments in Linguistics Meaning (ELM)</i> 1.
<i>to appear</i>	[Aurore González* and Teodora Mihoc*.] A neo-Carlsonian approach to bare plural nominals in Romanian and French. In J. Sturm (ed.), <i>Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics</i> 14.
2020	Ignorance and anti-negativity in the grammar: or/some and modified numerals. In M. Asatryan, Y. Song, and A. Whitmal (eds.), <i>Proceedings of The Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS)</i> 50, pp. 197-210.
2019	[Teodora Mihoc, Diti Bhadra, and Anamaria Fălăuș.] Epistemic modals, deduction, and factivity: New insights from the epistemic future. In K. Blake, F. Davis, K. Lamp, and J. Rhyne (eds.), <i>Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)</i> 29, pp. 351-370.
2014	The Romanian future-and-presumptive auxiliary. In B. Buccola, M. Hamilton, A. McKillen, and J. Tanner (eds.), <i>McGill Working Papers in Linguistics</i> 24(1), pp. 64-80.

- 2014 | [The Romanian presumptive mood: The key to the Romanian *will*-future.](#)
Cahiers linguistiques d'Ottawa / Ottawa Papers in Linguistics, 38.

unpublished manuscripts

- 2017 | [Akshat Agrawal* and Teodora Mihoc*.]
 Numeral-negation scope endorsement asymmetry: An alternative Rational Speech Act (RSA) model.
- 2015 | Georgian *tu*: A *ka* particle.

PRESENTATIONS (* = first author or equal contribution; [A](#) = abstract, [H](#) = handout, [P](#) = poster, [S](#) = slides, [V](#) = video)

refereed

- 2021 | Polarity sensitivity across domains. ([S](#))
 Talk @ Workshop: *The meaning of functional categories in the verbal / sentential domain (Neg / Asp / Voice / Deg / little v)*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, June 17-18.
- 2021 | Singular, plural, modal. ([A](#)) ([P](#)+[V](#))
 Poster @ Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL) 51, U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (online), Apr 29-May 1.
- 2021 | Aspectual operators and polarity sensitivity. ([A](#)) ([S](#))
 Talk @ Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) 44, GLOW Board (online), Apr 5-7.
- 2021 | Negative comparison between exactness, ignorance, and evaluativity. ([A](#)) ([S](#))
 Talk @ Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC) 45, U of Pennsylvania (online), Mar 19-21.
- 2020 | Epistemic indefinites, number marking, and certainty. ([A](#)) ([S](#))
 Talk @ Sensus 1, U of Massachusetts at Amherst (online), ~~Apr 18-19~~ Sep 26-27.
- 2020 | [Teodora Mihoc* and Kathryn Davidson.]
 Superlative-modified numerals and negation: A negotiable cost. ([A](#)) ([S](#) + [V](#))
 Talk @ Experiments in Linguistic Meaning (ELM) 1, U of Pennsylvania (online), ~~June 10-12~~ Sep 16-18.
- 2020 | Modified numerals and polarity sensitivity: Between O(nly)_{DA} and E(ven)_{SA}. ([A](#)) ([S](#) + [V](#))
 Talk @ Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 25, U College London / Queen Mary U of London (online), Sep 3-5.
- 2019 | Ignorance and anti-negativity in the grammar: *or/some* and modified numerals. ([A](#)) ([S](#) + [H](#))
 Talk @ The Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 50, MIT, Oct 24-27.
- 2019 | [Teodora Mihoc*, Diti Bhadra, and Anamaria Fălăuș.]
 Epistemic modals, deduction, and factivity. ([A](#)) ([S](#))
 Talk @ Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 29, UCLA, May 17-19.
- 2019 | Ignorance and polarity sensitivity in modified numerals and beyond. ([A](#)) ([P](#))
 Poster @ Workshop: The meaning of numerals: cognitive, experimental, and semantic perspectives, ZAS, Berlin, Mar 27-28.
- 2018 | The alternatives of bare and modified numerals. ([A](#)) ([S](#))
 Talk @ Rencontres d'Automne de Linguistique Formelle (RALFe), U of Paris 8 / CNRS, Paris, Dec 6-7.
- 2017 | [Teodora Mihoc* and Kathryn Davidson.]
 Testing a PPI analysis of superlative-modified numerals. ([A](#)) ([S](#))

- Talk @ Experimental Pragmatics (XPrag) 7, U of Cologne, June 21-23.
- 2017 [Aurore González* and Teodora Mihoc*.]
Bare nominals in French and Romanian. (H)
Talk @ Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL) 47, U of Delaware, Apr 20-23.

invited

- 2021 Ignorance and positive polarity in indefinites, disjunction, and numerals. (S)
Talk @ Centre de Lingüística Teòrica, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, May 21.
- 2021 From Chomsky through Confucius to Montague and Grice (Or what I've been up to since I left LBUS).
Talk @ Lucian Blaga U of Sibiu, May 18.
- 2018 Modified numerals between polarity and valence. (S)
Talk @ Laboratoire de Linguistique de Nantes, CNRS/University of Nantes, Dec 3.
- 2018 An extent-based GQT-style unified implicature account of bare and modified numerals. (S)
Talk @ Institute for Logic, Language, and Computation (ILLC), U of Amsterdam, June 12.
- 2014 The broader epistemic future. (S)
Talk @ Invited symposium: Commitment phenomena through the study of evidential markers in Romance languages, U of Neuchâtel, Sep 5.

other

- 2018 Scope asymmetry, QUDs, and exhaustification. (H)
Talk @ LingedIn, Harvard U, May 4.
- 2017 Decomposing bare and modified numerals.
Talk @ LingedIn, Harvard U, Dec 7.
- 2016 More evidence of heterogeneity in the class of comparative and superlative numeral modifiers.
Talk @ Language and Cognition, Harvard U, Nov 29.
- 2016 More evidence of heterogeneity in the class of comparative and superlative numeral modifiers.
Talk @ Experimental Syntax & Semantics Lab / Language Acquisition Lab, MIT, Oct 18.
- 2016 More evidence of heterogeneity in the class of comparative and superlative numeral modifiers.
Talk @ LingedIn, Harvard U, Sep 30.
- 2016 Confessing ignorance.
Talk @ LingedIn, Harvard U, Apr 20.
- 2015 Romanian bare nominals and Derived Kind Predication.
Talk @ Southern New England Workshop on Semantics (SNEWS), Harvard U, Nov 21.
- 2015 [Teodora Mihoc and Alexander G. Klapheke.]
Two sets of alternatives for numerals.
Talk @ East Coast Graduate Student Workshop (ECO-5), Harvard U, Apr 11.
- 2013 Romanian presumptivity: The future case in point.
Talk @ Southern New England Workshop on Semantics (SNEWS), MIT, Nov 16.
- 2013 The Romanian presumptive mood and the key to the Romanian *will*-future. (S)

TEACHING

as primary instructor

Spring 2020	Introduction to Linguistics (syllabus)	(full semester course; Harvard Extension School)
Spring 2017	The semantics and pragmatics of numerals (syllabus)	(half-semester sophomore tutorial; Harvard U)
Spring 2016	Logic in Linguistics (syllabus)	(half-semester sophomore tutorial; Harvard U)
Fall 2015	Inquisitive Semantics (syllabus)	(half-semester junior tutorial; Harvard U)

as teaching assistant

Fall 2017	Semantic Theory I	(instructor: Kathryn Davidson; Harvard U)
Fall 2017	Language, Structure, and Cognition	(instructor: Kathryn Davidson; Harvard U)
Fall 2016	Language, Structure, and Cognition	(instructor: Kathryn Davidson; Harvard U)
Spring 2016	Language, Structure, and Cognition	(instructor: Kathryn Davidson; Harvard U)
Fall 2015	Syntactic Theory I	(instructor: C.-T. James Huang; Harvard U)
Winter 2012	Writing Systems	(instructor: Marie-Claude Séguin; U of Ottawa)
Winter 2012	Les langues dans le monde	(instructor: Andrés Pablo Salanova; U of Ottawa)
Fall 2011	Introduction to Linguistics	(instructor: Robert Truswell; U of Ottawa)

as guest lecturer

20/07/2016	Entailment and monotonicity	(course: The Science of Language; instructor: Jenny Lee; Harvard U)
01/2014	Syntax bootcamp; Semantics bootcamp; \LaTeX for Linguists	(Lucian Blaga U of Sibiu)

as workshop leader

25/04/2017	A beginner's introduction to experiments	(with Aurore González; Harvard U)
28/09/2016	Introduction to \LaTeX	(with Laurence B-Violette; Harvard U)

SERVICE

reviewing (for abstracts, number indicates number of actual abstracts)

grant proposals	National Science Foundation (NSF) (x1)
papers	<i>Borealis – An International Journal of Hispanic Linguistics</i> (x1)
abstracts	<i>Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB)</i> (x 4)
	<i>Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonLJA)</i> (x 1)

editing

2021	Member of the editorial committee for <i>Proceedings of Experiments in Linguistic Meaning (ELM)</i> 1.
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proofreading for open access linguistics publishers

	Language Science Press (chapters from 5 volumes, altogether 250 pp.)
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organizing

2015	Co-organizer, Southern New England Workshop on Semantics (SNEWS) @ Harvard U (Nov 21)
2012	Student helper, Workshop on Modality @ U of Ottawa (Apr 20-21)

outreach

2019-20	Outreach events organizer as Assistant Head Tutor at Harvard Linguistics
2018	Interviewee, article on experimental linguistic research (Harvard Gazette, Feb 21)
2017	Linguistics referee, US national high-school research competition (MIT INSPIRE)

MISCELLANEOUS

technical skills

OS	Linux, Windows, Mac
programming	Bash; R (tidyverse, lme4, lsmeans); Python (pandas, matplotlib, glob); WebPPL
version control	Git
typesetting	L ^A T _E X
other	Praat; Qualtrics; Amazon Mechanical Turk

languages (_ / _ = approximate rank on [ILR](#)/[CEFR](#) scale; ★ = structural knowledge)

5/native	Romanian
4/C2	English
3+/C1	French
2/B2	Spanish
1+/B1	German
1/A2	Bangla, Esperanto, Italian
0+/A1	Mandarin Chinese, Modern Greek, Russian
★	Georgian

REFERENCES

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