

# TEODORA MIHOC

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## AREAS OF INTEREST

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

## EDUCATION

### degree programs

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

### 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>	<a href="#">Ignorance and polarity sensitivity in the grammar: From disjunction and indefinites to numerals.</a> 45 pp.
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### articles in abstract-reviewed conference proceedings, and other

<i>to appear</i>	<a href="#">Modified numerals and polarity sensitivity: Between <math>O(nly)_{DA}</math> and <math>E(ven)_{SA}</math>.</a> In <i>Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB)</i> 25.
<i>to appear</i>	[Teodora Mihoc and Kathryn Davidson.] <a href="#">Superlative-modified numerals and negation: A multiply negotiable cost.</a> In <i>Proceedings of Experiments in Linguistics Meaning (ELM)</i> 1.
<i>to appear</i>	[Aurore González* and Teodora Mihoc*.] <a href="#">A neo-Carlsonian approach to bare plural nominals in Romanian and French.</a> In J. Sturm (ed.), <i>Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics</i> 14.
2020	<a href="#">Ignorance and anti-negativity in the grammar: <i>or/some</i> and modified numerals.</a> 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.] <a href="#">Epistemic modals, deduction, and factivity: New insights from the epistemic future.</a> 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	<a href="#">The Romanian future-and-presumptive auxiliary.</a> In B. Buccola, M. Hamilton, A. McKillen, and J. Tanner (eds.), <i>McGill Working Papers in Linguistics</i> 24(1), pp. 64-80.
2014	<a href="#">The Romanian presumptive mood: The key to the Romanian <i>will</i>-future.</a> <i>Cahiers linguistiques d'Ottawa / Ottawa Papers in Linguistics</i> , 38.

### unpublished manuscripts

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

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)<sub>DA</sub> and E(ven)<sub>SA</sub>. (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)  
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.

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- 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 <i>will</i> -future. (S) Talk @ Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Workshop on Semantics (TOM) 6, McGill U, Mar 23.

## TEACHING

### as primary instructor

Spring 2020	Introduction to Linguistics ( <a href="#">syllabus</a> )	(full semester course; Harvard Extension School)
Spring 2017	The semantics and pragmatics of numerals ( <a href="#">syllabus</a> )	(half-semester sophomore tutorial; Harvard U)
Spring 2016	Logic in Linguistics ( <a href="#">syllabus</a> )	(half-semester sophomore tutorial; Harvard U)
Fall 2015	Inquisitive Semantics ( <a href="#">syllabus</a> )	(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 <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> 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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