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Areas of interest

broad | · formal, experimental, and computational modeling approaches to semantics and pragmatics

· crosslinguistic semantics

narrow

 \cdot free choice, positive polarity, and scalarity across categories

· numerals, indefinites, disjunction, modals

EDUCATION

degree programs

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

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

academic positions

07/2019-present	Associate of the Department, Dept of Linguistics, Harvard U (access to facilities)
01-05/2020	Linguistics instructor, 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 positions

05-06/2011	English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor, The Affiliated High-School of Peking U
2007-2011	Freelance English-Romanian translator and interpreter
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

under revision Ignorance and polarity sensitivity in the grammar: From disjunction and indefinites to numerals. 45 pp. *for resubmission*

articles in abstract-reviewed conference proceedings, and other

to appear	Modified numerals and polarity sensitivity: Between $O(nly)_{DA}$ and $E(ven)_{SA}$. In <i>Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 25</i> .
to appear	[Teodora Mihoc and Kathryn Davidson.] Superlative-modified numerals and negation: A multiply negotiable cost. In Proceedings of Experiments in Linguistics Meaning (ELM) 1.
to appear	[Aurore González*and Teodora Mihoc*.] A neo-Carlsonian approach to bare plural nominals in Romanian and French. In J. Sturm (ed.), Harvard Working Papers in Linguistics 14.
2020	Ignorance and anti-negativity in the grammar: or/some and modified numerals. In M. Asatryan, Y. Song, and A Whitmal (eds.), Proceedings of The Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 50, pp. 197-210.
2019	[Teodora Mihoc, Diti Bhadra, and Anamaria Fălăuş.] 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.

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

refereed

upcoming, 2021	Polarity sensitivity across domains. 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.	
upcoming, 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 Fălăuş.] 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.	

invited

upcoming, 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.	
upcoming, 2021	TBD. Talk @ Centre de Lingüística Teòrica, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, May 21.	
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 (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: CT. 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 bo	otcamp; ᡌᠮ _E X 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 LTEX	(with Laurence B-Violette; Harvard U)

SERVICE

reviewing

grant proposals	National Science Foundation (NSF) (2021)
papers	Borealis – An International Journal of Hispanic Linguistics (2014)
abstracts	Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) (x 2)
	Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonIJA) (x 1)

editing

2021 | Member of the editorial committee for *Proceedings of Experiments in Linguistic Meaning (ELM)* 1.

proofreading for open access linguistics publishers

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

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

affiliations

2016-2019	Meaning and Modality Lab (experimental research on spoken and signed languages), Harvard U
2016-2019	Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard U
2014-2019	Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard U

technical skills

OS Linux, Windows, Mac
programming Bash; R (tidyverse, lme4, lsmeans); Python (pandas, matplotlib, glob); WebPPL
version control typesetting by MEX
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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