Focus Sensitive Expressions from a Cross Linguistic Perspective

Monday-Wednesday, 3-5.2.2014, Beck Auditorium, Bar Ilan University

**Monday, February 3rd**

09.00  Greetings

09.15 – 10.15  **Malte Zimmermann**, Potsdam University: Conventional vs Free Association with Focus: Insights from West African and South East Asian Languages

10.15 – 11.15  **Ariel Cohen**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev: Probability Judgments and Focus Sensitivity: A Linguistic Approach to the Conjunction Fallacy

11.15 – 11.45  Coffee

11.45 – 12.45  **Nomi Erteschik-Shir**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev: Focus Sensitivity on the Syntax-Information Structure Interface: Danish: kun (only) vs. endda (even)

12.45 – 13.15  **Dina Orenstein**, Bar Ilan University: An Accented Exclusive Particle in Hebrew

13.15 – 14.45  Lunch

14.45 – 15.15  **Yael Greenberg**, Bar Ilan University: External and Internal Alternative Sensitive Operators

15.45 – 16.15  **Agata Renans**, Potsdam University: Exclusive Focus Particles in Ga (Kwa)

16.15 – 16.45  Coffee

16.45 – 17.45  **Nirit Kadmon and Aldo Sevi**, Tel Aviv University: Nuclear Accent and Lexical Meaning: The Case of bixal

17.45 – 18.45  **Michael Wagner**, McGill University: The Syntax of Focus Sensitivity

**Tuesday, February 4th**

09.00 - 10.00  **Angelika Kratzer**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst: Focus and Given: Two Technologies for Discourse Coherence (Joint work with Lisa Selkirk)

10.00 - 10.30  **Mira Grubic**, Potsdam University: Background- or Topic-marking in Ngamo (Chadic)

10.30 - 11.00  **Thuan Tran**, Potsdam University: Scalar and Additive Particles in Vietnamese

11.00-11.30  Coffee

11.30 - 12.30  **Roni Katzir**, Tel Aviv University: Distinguishing Anaphorocity and Relevance in Free and Bound Focus

12.30 - 13.00  **Moshe E Bar-Lev and Daniel Margulis**, The Hebrew University: Hebrew kol: a Universal Quantifier as an Existential under Cover

13.00 – 14.30  Lunch

14.30 – 15.30  **Judith Tonhauser**, The Ohio State University: Focus Sensitivity in Paraguayan Guaraní

15.30 – 16.30  **Regine Eckardt**, University of Göttingen: From Context to Information Structure: The Emergence of Focus Sensitive Particles in Language History

17.30  Excursion and Dinner

**Wednesday, February 5th**

09.00 – 10.00  **David Beaver**, University of Texas in Austin: Focus Sensitivity and Question Sensitivity

10.00 – 11.00  **Luka Crnic**, The Hebrew University: On the Interactions of Alternative-Sensitive Operators

11.00 – 11.30  Coffee

11.30 – 12.30  **Galit Sassoon**, Bar Ilan University: Degree Modifiers: A New Perspective on their Semantics and the Role of Stress within it

12.30 – 13.00  **Lena Karvovskaya**, Leiden University: Additive Particles and Discourse Coherence in Ishkashim

13.00 – 14.30  Lunch

14.30 – 15.30  **Patricia Amaral**, UNC- Chapel Hill: Experimental and Theoretical Approaches to Approximatives

15.30 – 16.00  **Moria Ronen**, Bar Ilan University: Degrees of Answerhood with the Hebrew be-gadol

16.00 – 16.30  Coffee

16.30 – 17.30  **Mats Rooth**, Cornell University: TBA

17.30  **Malte Zimmermann & Yael Greenberg**: Closing Remarks

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