June-July activities at the LLCC

LLCC Language, Logic and Cognition Center

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4/6	5/6	6/6	7/6 Mini Course: Stewart Shapiro (12:30-14:00)	8/6 Reading group on Speech Prosody (10:30-14:00)	9/6
11/6	12/6 Mini Course: Stewart Shapiro (12:30-14:00) Reading group in Sem&Prag (14:30-16:00)	13/6	14/6 Reading group on Causation (9:00-10:15) Mini Course: Stewart Shapiro (12:30-14:00)	15/6	16/6
18/6	19/6 Mini Course: Stewart Shapiro (12:30-14:00)	20/6 Conference: Grounding Alternative Logics	21/6 Mini Course: Stewart Shapiro (12:30-14:00) Conference: Grounding Alternative Logics End of the Year Gathering (14:00)	22/6 Reading group on Speech Prosody (10:30-14:00)	23/6
25/6	26/6 Mini Course: Stewart Shapiro (12:30-14:00) Reading group in Sem&Prag (14:30-16:00)	27/6	28/6 Mini Course: Stewart Shapiro (12:30-14:00) Conference: Linguistic Perspectives on Causation	29/6 Conference: Linguistic Perspectives on Causation	30/6 Conference: Linguistic Perspectives on Causation
2/7	3/7 Mini Course: Stewart Shapiro (12:30-16:00) Conference: The 3rd Usage-Based Linguistic Conference	4/7 Conference: The 3rd Usage-Based Linguistic Conference	5/7 Mini Course: Stewart Shapiro (12:30-16:00) Conference: The 3rd Usage-Based Linguistic Conference	6/7	7/7
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Reading Group on Causation

Organized by: Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal, Nora Boneh and Arnon Levy

While modern philosophical discussions of causation begin with Hume's famous skepticism, recent work has been more optimistic, suggesting that an adequate theory of causal notions can be had. Views that rely on counterfactuals have been especially prominent. But problems remain, especially in reconciling our common thought and talk about causes and the demands of a more rigorous philosophical account. Causation is also a central concept in the semantic analysis of various linguistic phenomena, spanning most prominently the study of argument and event structure, and through this, the lexical decomposition of verbs and agency, but also temporal relations, connectives, modality. These two disciplines, however, show only little interaction in their discussions. While analyses of causal relations are common in philosophy, linguists mostly take it to be a primitive, CAUSE. The goal of this reading group is to bridge this gap. We will bring together philosophers and linguists in an attempt to acquaint each other with the state-of-the-art in their respective fields, seeking ways in which they can cross fertilize.

Reading group on Speech prosody

Organized by: Vered Silber-Varod and Eitan Grossman

This reading group will deal with research on prosody in speech. The goal of the meetings is to raise important questions about research on prosody, based on the various readings. Over the course of the semester, we will get acquainted with different approaches to the analysis of prosody, as well as different methodologies for dealing with it. Additionally, we will explore the interfaces between prosody and other linguistic domains, such as phonology, syntax, pragmatics, and discourse analysis.

Reading group in Semantics and Pragmatics Organized by: Brian Buccola and Andreas Haida
The LLCC semantics/pragmatics research group is an informal platform for students, postdocs, and faculty to discuss topics in semantics and pragmatics, as well as related areas like syntax, logic, and the philosophy of language. The group meets every other week. Each meeting is typically led by 1-2 presenters, and each topic typically spans 1-3 meetings. Topics may include original research by the presenter(s) as well as discussion of works from the literature.

Mini course: Danny Fox (MIT) "Topics in the Syntax & Semantics of *WH*-constructions"
These lectures will focus on evidence that questions always involve movement of a *wh*-phrase (overt of covert), as assumed by Karttunen but denied in much recent literature. The evidence will be based on the licensing conditions for parasitic gaps, with particular focus on constructions involving pied-piping. Time permitting, we will address issues pertaining to the notion of answerhood appropriate for interrogative constructions and the way it interacts with assumptions about the syntactic mechanisms involved. Here we will focus on the presuppositions generated by questions under various readings: uniqueness, pair-list, and mention-some.

For more information:
Course: Stewart Shapiro, *Logical Omniscience*: http://shnaton.huji.ac.il/index.php/NewSyl/15804/2/2017/
Conference on Alternative Logics and Natural Language: http://edelstein.huji.ac.il/events/upcoming-events/alternative-logics-and-natural-language
Workshop on *Linguistic Perspectives on Causation*: https://causalityconference.wordpress.com/
The 3rd Usage-Based Linguistics Conference: https://ubljlm17.wordpress.com/program/

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