

April – May activities at the LLCC



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
17/04	18/04	19/04 Seminar: Merav Ahissar (HUJI) (12:30-14:00) Reading Group on Causation (14:15-15:45)	20/04 Reading group on Speech Prosody (10:30-14:00)
24/04 Reading Group on Hebrew Morphology (14:30-16:00)	25/04	26/04 Seminar: Meir Buzaglo (HUJI) (12:30-14:00)	27/04
01/05 Memorial Day	02/05 Independence Day	03/05 Mini Course: The Syntax- Semantics of Nominalized Clauses (12:30-16:00)	04/05 Reading group on Speech Prosody (10:30-14:00)
08/05 Mini Course: The Syntax- Semantics of Nominalized Clauses (12:30-16:00)	09/05	10/05 Mini Course: The Syntax- Semantics of Nominalized Clauses (12:30-16:00)	11/05
15/05 Mini Course: The Syntax- Semantics of Nominalized Clauses (12:30-16:00)	16/05	17/05 Mini Course: The Syntax- Semantics of Nominalized Clauses (12:30-16:00)	18/05
22/05 Mini Course: The Syntax- Semantics of Nominalized Clauses (12:30-16:00)	23/05	24/05 Students' Day	25/05
29/05 Reading Group on Hebrew Morphology (14:30-16:00)	30/05 Shavuot vacation	31/05 Shavuot vacation	

Reading Group on Hebrew Morphology

Organized by: Avital Deutsch, Edit Doron, Malka Rappaport Hovav

The topics of the reading group for the first semester will center around several research questions: How are words of complex morphological structure represented in memory (the "mental lexicon")? Is there a morphological level of representation mediating between meaning and sound? Are there mental processes of deconstructing words into their morphological components? (The discussion will be in Hebrew)

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.

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.