

LING 608 - Presuppositions: Experimental Perspectives & Theoretical Issues Fall 2013

1 Logistics

- Introductions
- Class time & place?
Off-weeks: 9/25, 10/23, 11/13 (Alternative time: Monday or Friday 9:30-12?)
- **Zotero**: All readings and materials will be on Zotero
→ create account at <http://www.zotero.org>. Then ask me to send an invitation to that address.
- **Canvas**:
if you're not registered, send me the email address you'd like to be registered under
- **Email list**: through Canvas
- **Calendar**: through Canvas

2 Requirements

- Do the readings we focus on and actively participate in discussion
- 1-2 presentations of papers from the selections below
- Class project
 - **goal**: End up with your own experimental study on a related theoretical topic
 - **Components**:
 - * **Initial presentation** of ideas, can be combined with presentation of a paper
 - * Learning about **experiment design and implementation**, geared towards your topic and planned type of task
 - * **Second presentation**: concrete design idea; get feedback for final design and implementation
 - * **Implementation** and collecting **pilot data**
 - * **Write up** in standard experimental format: background, hypotheses, methods (materials & design, procedure, participants, results as available, discussion)
 - * If all goes well, the goal is to move on to collecting a full data set, and end up with a project that can grow into a **conference or journal paper**.

3 List of Topics and Papers

In addition to covering the work from the current literature below, we'll also introduce experimental methods and techniques as needed - please let me know if you have specific requests!

Introduction - Presuppositions: History and Current Perspectives

- Classics: Karttunen (1973), Karttunen (1974), Stalnaker (1973), Stalnaker (1974)
- Recent Overviews / general level papers: Beaver and Geurts (2012) Tonhauser et al. (2013)
- Extensive textbook background reading: Kadmon (2001) (Part II)

Truth value judgments - from arm chair to lab chair

- Factors affecting falsity vs. infelicity: Reinhart (1981); Lasnik (1993); von Stechow (1994); Schoubye (2010)
- Experimental Work Abrusan and Szendrői (forthcoming); Schwarz (2013)

Mostly focused on appositives, but still interesting and relevant: Syrett et al. (2013)

Triggering

- Back to the classics: Stalnaker (1974), Grice (1981)
- Recent discussions of triggering: Simons (2001), Abusch (2010), Abrusán (2011)
- Presupposition triggering as implicature-like
Romoli (2012), Romoli (to appear), Chemla (2009)

Differences between Triggers

- Velleman et al. (2011); Smith and Hall (2011); Amaral et al. (2011); Xue and Onea (2011); Jayez and van Tiel (2011)
- Destruel et al. (in progress); Amaral and Cummings (in progress); Jayez and Mongelli (in progress)

Online Processing

- Reading and judgment studies: Schwarz (2007); Tiemann et al. (2011); Schwarz and Tiemann (2012); Tiemann et al. (in progress)
 - Visual World studies: Romoli et al. (2013, in progress); Schwarz (in progress); Kim et al. (2011); Kim (in progress)
- Also: ongoing labwork: AgainTwiceVW, StopSometimesVW

Projection - Classical and New Accounts

- Dynamic Semantics: Heim (1983); Groenendijk and Stokhof (1990); Chierchia (1995)
- DRT van der Sandt (1992); van der Sandt and Geurts (1991)
- Schlenker's Local Contexts Schlenker (2009, 2010a,b)
- Other recent accounts George, Fox, others?

What projects? Experimental explorations

- Symmetry vs. Incrementality: Chemla and Schlenker (2012); Schwarz (in progressb) [also: Elizabeth Shay's work in lab]
- Proviso Issues: Romoli et al. (2011); Romoli and Sudo (2011); Romoli et al. (in progressb)
- Projection from quantifiers: Chemla (2009); Sudo et al. (2012)

Projection and Local Interpretations in Online processing

- Global vs. local interpretations: Chemla and Bott (2013); Schwarz and Romoli (In Progress) [also: StopLocCB; AgainLocCB; other results?]
Also see Bill et al. (ongoing work) for acquisition data on presuppositions, implicatures, and implicatures under negation
- Projection as costly in processing: Schwarz and Tiemann (2013)

Accommodation

- Recent Survey: Beaver and Zeevat (2012)
- Experimental work: Singh et al. (2013); Frazier (2006); Spenader (2002); Evans (2005)

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