

Course contents

- Context and necessary knowledge to recover intended meaning (situational, general background knowledge, interpersonal)
- Difference between what is said (semantics) and what is meant (pragmatics)
- Entailment:
 - o Analytic sentences
 - o Synthetic sentences
 - o Contradictions
 - o Paraphrase
 - o One way and two way entailment
- Presupposition
 - o With Wh- words
 - o Resistance to negation
 - o Existential presupposition
 - With possessives
 - With definite noun phrases
- The Cooperative Principle
 - o The maxims
 - o Breaking the maxims (violation, flouting, opting out, infringing)
 - o Conversational implicatures
 - Generalized (e.g. scalar implicatures)
 - Particularized
- Relevance Theory
- Speech Acts
 - o Locution
 - o Illocution
 - Declaratives
 - Commissives
 - Expressives
 - Directives
 - Representatives
 - Rogatives
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 - o Perlocution
 - o Performative sentences
 - o Constative sentences
 - o Felicity conditions
 - Preparatory conditions
 - Sincerity conditions
 - o Limitations of speech act theory
- Politeness Theory