Name of the course: Plural Semantics
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Course number:
Office hours: Tuesday, 15:00-16:00

Short course description

The goal of this course is to introduce central issues in the semantics of plurals and several ongoing debates in this domain. We will begin with the basics of plural semantics, and move on to some issues within the Syntax-Semantics interface raised by sentences with more than one plural expression, as well as arguments for the existence of pluralities outside the nominal domain. Some of the main themes we will discuss are the role of context in the interpretation of plural predication, and the interaction between plurals and logical operators (conjunction, negation).

Key words: Plurals, Semantics, Context, Logic, Collectivity, Distributivity

Course requirements:
Attendance required no
1. Assignments 10%
2. Participation 10%
3. Presentations 20%
4. Final paper 60%

Prerequisite: Semantics B.

Topics:

1. Distributivity and collectivity
2. Co-distributivity and lexical cumulativity
3. Plural quantification
4. Reciprocals
5. World, event, and degree pluralities
6. Pluralities in context: Covers and Non-maximality
7. Multiplicity inferences
8. Homogeneity
Bibliography:

Basic reading material:


Optional reading material:


