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Time: 16:30–18:00

Seminar on Presupposition
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Room: 23.21-00.82

Syllabus

DATE	TOPIC	READING
11.10.2011	Diagnosing presuppositions	C&M-G (2000): 17–33 Beaver and Clark (2008): 214–7
18.10.2011	Russell on descriptions	Russell (1905)
25.10.2011	Strawson on descriptions	Strawson (1950)
1.11.2011	[holiday]	
8.11.2011	Factivity	Kiparsky and Kiparsky (1970)
15.11.2011	Projection problem	Langendoen and Savin (1971)
	Plugs, holes, & filters	Karttunen (1973)
22.11.2011	Pragmatic presuppositions	Stalnaker (1974)
29.11.2011	Admittance	Karttunen (1974)
6.12.2011	Gazdar’s solution	Gazdar (1979)
13.12.2011	The CCP model	Heim (1988)
10.1.2012	Introduction to DRT	TBA
17.1.2012	Presupposition as anaphora	van der Sandt (1992)
24.1.2012	Update semantics	Beaver (2001), ch. 6
31.1.2012	ABLE	Beaver (2001), ch. 7

Homework assignments are due at the class meeting after they are assigned. For example, the assignment on diagnosing presuppositions is due on October 18th.

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