

Seminar on Event Semantics

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Requirements

Research paper.
Brief presentation of work in progress.

Course Outline

1. Basic motivations for events and event semantics
Readings: Davidson 1967, Parsons 1990 (ch. 1-3), Bennett 1988 (ch. XI),
Piñón 1995 (ch. 1.1), Eckardt 1998 (ch. 2)
2. Aspectual composition and characterizations of telicity
Readings: Krifka 1992, Krifka 1989, Krifka 1998,
Hay, Kennedy and Levin 1999, Piñón 2001, Cipria and Roberts 2000
Background readings: Vendler 1967a, Dowty 1979, Bach 1986,
Carlson 1981, Verkuyl 1989
3. States
Readings: Piñón 1999, Kratzer 2000
4. Lexical Decomposition
Main Readings: Rapp & von Stechow 2000
Background readings: von Stechow 1996
5. Reified Temporal Theories
Readings: Allen 1984, Shoham 1987, Galton 1991
6. Nominalizations
Readings: Zucchi 1993 (ch. 1, 3)
Background readings: Vendler 1967b, Bennett 1988 (ch. I, II),
Parsons 1990 (ch. 7)
7. The progressive
Readings: Landman 1992, Bonomi 1997
Background readings: Dowty 1979, Vlach 1981, Parsons 1989,
Parsons 1990 (ch. 9)

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