

國立中正大學 語言所 碩博士班教學大綱

Formal Semantics 形式語意學

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(Sept. 10, 2021 version)

Mondays 9:10pm – 12:00pm Rm 413, 文學院 College of Humanities

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修課領域: 2句法學與語意學領域; 5 語料庫與計算語言學領域; 6華語教學領域

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RA: Sam Wang (Time & Rm: TBA)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- This course introduces students to some basic concepts and techniques of the semantic theory in the generative linguistics.
- The goal of the course is to help students to learn how to understand formal semantic representations that explain linguistic phenomena.
- With the instructor, students will try to explore semantic and syntax-semantics interface issues, especially such issues in Mandarin Chinese, compared with the languages that are discussed in the classic semantic literature.
- Readings will be announced in the classes.
- Lecture handouts will be distributed in the classes.

EVALUATION

30% Class discussion

50% Class exercises, including question sets assigned and discussed in the classes

20% Term paper: One research paper or one reading report on a semantic or semantic-syntax interface paper. For the reading report, the selection of the paper by each student must be approved by the instructor.

MAIN TOPICS (subject to change)

1. Entailment and conversational implicature
2. Set theory
3. Basic function theory
4. Extensions, intensions and truth values
5. The system of semantic types
6. Lambda notations
7. Non-verbal predicative expressions
8. Modification
9. Definiteness and presupposition
10. Quantificational DPs
11. Pronouns and variable assignment
12. Movement
13. Non-subject quantificational DPs
14. Event semantics

IMPORTANT DATES

First class: **Sept. 27, 2021 (Monday)**

No class: Oct. 11, 2021

Term paper topic discussion: By Jan. 3, 2022 (in the last class)

Term paper due: Jan. 10, 2022 (Monday)