25th Amsterdam Colloquium Programme

16 - 18th December 2026

Wednesday, 16th December 2026

Time		
09:00	Introduction [A1.02]	
	50th Anniversary Special Session - The past and future of semantics: Before, at, and after the birth of the Amsterdam Colloquium [A1.02]	
09:10 - 09:30	Ivano Caponigro *The Montague effect and the Amsterdam Colloquium*	
09:30 - 09:50	Barbara Partee *Through the early years of formal semantics*	
09:50 - 10:10	Ede Zimmermann *Semantic Konstanz: a subjective view of the development of compositional semantics in Germany*	
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10:20 - 10:40	Frank Veltman *Something between logic, philosophy and linguistics: 50 years of the Amsterdam Colloquium*	
10:40 - 11:00	Martin Stokhof *Notes from the inside*	
11:00 - 11:20	Hans Kamp *From sentence semantics to discourse semantics*	
11:20 - 12:00	Q & A	
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch (self organized)	
	Lexical Gaps [A1.02]	**Modality and Attitudes** [A1.03]
13:00 - 13:30	Omri Amiraz *The $\mathcal{E}$-corner universal*	Paolo Santorio *Modal Asymmetries*
13:30 - 14:00	Hajime Mori *The absence of an $\mathcal{E}$-corner epistemic sentential modal adverbs*	Jae Heon Lee *Inference under report: perspectival anchoring for epistemic "must" and Korean indirect evidentials*
14:00 - 14:30	Elena Ivanova, Pavel Astafiev *Underspecified coordination in non-distributive contexts: evidence from RSL*	Tom Roberts *Pretrained word embeddings predict colexification of attitudes*
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	Language Evolution [A1.02]	**Relative Clauses** [A1.03]
14:45 - 15:15	Petr Rossyaykin, Ruoying Zhao *What does typology of scalar particles say about question semantics?*	Luis Alonso-Ovalle, Benjamin Spector *Relative clauses and Higher-Order Abstraction*
15:15 - 15:45	Sigrid Beck *Diachronic Change and the Single Universal Quantifier Theory*	Nir Segal *Minimal sufficiency (free) relatives*
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16:00	Amie Thomasson *tbc* [A1.03]	
20:00	Reception at Hannekes Boot	

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09:00	Ira Noveck *tbc* [A1.02]	
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	Experimental Semantics [A0.01]	**"Only" and "Even"** [A1.02]
10:15 - 10:45	Sonia Ramotowska, Benjamin Spector *Testing the cost-informativity trade-off of negation*	Martín Abreu Zavaleta *Exclusives and the contingency of scales*
10:45 - 11:15	Hanxi Zheng, Linmin Zhang *Estimating the positive threshold of gradable adjectives with implicit comparison*	Yotam Fogel, Moshe E. Bar-Lev *"Even" in Hurford Disjunctions*
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	Lightning talks (12) [A0.01]	
11:30 - 12:15	Adrian Brasoveanu *Hybrid symbolic and subsymbolic branching possible worlds & CG Update* Matthew Mandelkern, Snow Zhang *Conditionals, connectives, and accessibility* Maximilian Berthold, Hannah J. Seemann *The case of married bachelors* Rafael Gutiérrez, Louise McNally *Entity representations shed light on the variable felicity of outbound anaphora* Jonathan Kendrick *Size matters: A Bayesian theory of Quantifier Acquisition* Yichi Zhang *Issue contraction*	Pranav Anand, Natasha Korotkova *How event structure determines content backgrounding: the case of subjunctive find* Ned Sanger *A logic for summative existentials* Yumin Ji *Tessellating conceptual spaces: from convex regions to natural properties* Jéssica Mendes, Hedde Zeijlstra *Reconciling the form and meaning of constituent negation* Rong He *Deriving polar questions from short answers* Daniel Altshuler, Dag Trygve Truslew Haug, Julian Schloeder *Explaining explanatory exclamatives*
12:15	Lunch (provided) + Poster Session	
	Semantics and Non-Classical Logic [A0.01]	**Connectives** [A1.02]
13:30 - 14:00	Alexandre Cremers *Super-resolutions for vague polar questions*	Scott AnderBois, Nathaniel Scott, Daniel Altshuler *Discourse coherence and conjunction of subordinate clauses*
14:00 - 14:30	Pablo Rivas-Robledo *Semantics for Modal Normativism without Possible worlds*	Patrick Elliott, Justin Bledin *Excepting pluralities without entity negation*
14:30 - 15:00	Wessel Kroon *Neo-Lewisian semantics for Topic-Sensitive Intentional Modals*	Malte Willer *Unbooking indicative conditionals in Dynamic Semantics*
15:00 - 15:30	Maciej Głowacki *Determinateness and its limits*	Andrea Matticchio, Maik Thalmann *When De Morgan is not the answer: On focus and logical connectives*
	BREAK	
15:45	Lorenzo Rossi *Trivalent Ideas in Semantics: Conditionals, Modals, Quantifiers* [A0.01]	
19:30	**Beth Lecture** Nicholas Asher *Reasoning, System 1 and System 2, and meaning in LLMs and in us* [A0.01]	
21:00	Borrel	

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09:00	Sophie Repp *Polar responses to biased questions* [A1.02]	
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	Logic and Paradoxes [A1.02]	**Causal Models** [A1.03]
10:15 - 10:45	Jixian Yu *Fine-grained characterization: Toward a truthmaker model for Meinongian Logic*	Fabienne Martin, Moussa Toni Cisse, Laura Wagner, Joshua Knobe *Turning agents into instruments: how intentionality licenses lexical causatives with indirect causal chains*
10:45 - 11:15	Miguel Lopez Munive *A truth-theoretic approach to external negation*	Bridget Copley *Why some progressives have futurate readings while others don't: Formalizing aspectual "focusing" with causal models*
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	Lightning talks (13) [A1.02]	
11:30 - 12:15	Muneera Abuqamaz, Milica Denić *"Not all" vs. "not ALL": implicature strengthening under prosodic emphasis* Søren Brinck Knudstorp, Robert van Rooij *Teams and truthmakers: modal meanings in natural language* Hans-Martin Gärtner, Jens Michaelis *On the prospects of a connexive fix for progressive update* Jon Ander, Laura Vela-Plo *From partitions to scalarity in equative semantics* Gert-Jan Schoenmakers, Fabienne Martin *Forward vs. backward/evidential (pseudo-)generic objects* Karol Wapniarski *Formalizing modal syllogistic in Isabelle/HOL* Petr Kusliy *Lessons from res-movement: constraining in situ pseudo de re reports*	Daiki Matsumoto *Japanese numeral-classifiers that count the numbers of kinds and instances at the same time* Justina Schindler, Daniel Büring *The full frame effect: an instructive quirk of temporal quantification* Claire Rong, Kathryn Davidson *Definiteness, domain restriction, and classifier phrases in Cantonese and Mandarin* Filipe Hisao Kobayashi *First person pronouns in counterfactuals* Zahra Mirrazi *Existence presupposition in counterfactual conditionals: Tense or Aspect* Klaus von Heusinger, Derya Cokal *Translucency, conceptual anaphora and lexical islands*
12:15	Lunch (provided) + Poster Session	
	Questions [A1.02]	**Quantities** [A1.03]
13:30 - 14:00	Daniar Kasenov, Petr Rossyaykin *Russian "kak" meta-questions: resistance and the truth-/use-conditional divide*	Ljudmila Geist, Hannah Kermes *Two types of plurality and the determiners "einige", "ein paar", and "mehrere" in German*
14:00 - 14:30	Haoze Li, Lei Chu *Association and intervention: Wh-expressions have values in both dimensions*	Patrick Elliott, Alexandros Kalomoiros *Complement subordination*
14:30 - 15:00	Matthew Ganquan Shi *Restricting the semantics of interrogative disjunctors*	Nina Haslinger, Benjamin Spector *Is non-maximality sensitive to polarity or to predicate meaning?*
15:00 - 15:30	Jeanne Lecavelier, Deniz Özyıldız, Elsie Nutifafa Fiavi *Alternative questions embedded, or regular disjunctions?*	Sophia Nauta, Jenny Doetjes *Scalar restrictions on the distributions of small quantity expressions*
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15:45	Michael Franke *tbc* [A1.02]	