



Introduction to...

Semantics

This seminar provides a brief introduction to key concepts in semantics and techniques of semantic analysis. The seminar consists of four two-hour sessions.

- **Session one** introduces the componential analysis of the semantic features of words, and semantic field analysis.
- **Session two** adopts a cognitive approach to semantics, through the use of two analytical models. Core semantics takes as its starting point the central concept of a word and surveys the extension of the core meaning in various dimensions. Prototype analysis begins from the most characteristic example of a concept, depending on the cultural context.
- **Session three** examines relational models and their applications, and the semantics of figurative language.
- **Session four** looks at issues in semantic space across languages, including error analysis, loan translation and cognates.

Aims and objectives

This seminar aims to provide a brief but comprehensive overview of approaches to semantic analysis and serve as a starting point for further study.

On completion of the seminar, participants should understand key concepts in the study of semantics, including componential semantics, core semantics and prototype theory, and be able to perform analyses applying these models. They should also be familiar with types of lexical relations among words and variation in the representation of concepts across languages.

Entry requirements & Assessment

This seminar is open to all and assumes no prior knowledge of the subject. There is no assessment. Certificates of participation are awarded to all participants.

Academic Seminars Series

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Registration

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