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Academic Employment

- 07.2020 - **Postdoctoral Researcher in Semantics**
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany
Project: Individuation of eventualities and abstract things (DFG)
PI: Prof. Hana Filip
- 10.2014 - 06.2020 **Postdoctoral Researcher in Semantics**
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany
Project C09: Frame Based Approaches to Countability (DFG CRC 991)
PI: Prof. Hana Filip
- 10.2010 - 09.2014 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
King's College London, UK

Education

- 10.2009 - 12.2013 **Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy (pass without corrections)**
King's College London, UK
Title: Vagueness, Communication, and Semantic Information
Primary Supervisor: Prof. Shalom Lappin
Secondary supervisors: Profs. Ruth Kempson and Mark Textor
Examiners: Profs. Robin Cooper and Dorothy Edgington
- 09.2005 - 07.2007 **M.A. in Theoretical Philosophy (*eximia cum laude approbatur*)**
University of Helsinki, Finland
Minor subject: Finnish language
- 09.2001 - 06.2004 **B.A. (hons) in Philosophy, First Class**
University of Manchester, United Kingdom

Fellowships, bursaries, and other funding

Competitively Acquired 3rd Party Funding

- 08.2012 - 12.2012 **Norman-Malcolm Fellowship**
Description: Visiting Fellowship at Cornell University, USA
Maintenance and travel costs. Value: approx. \$13.000
- 10.2010 - 06.2012 **Arts and Humanities Research Council PhD Funding**
Description: Full Scholarship for PhD studies
Maintenance and tuition fees. Value: approx. £35.000

Other Competitively Acquired Funding

- 10.2009 - 06.2010 **Sorabji Graduate Bursary**
Description: Stipend awarded by Dept. of Philosophy, King's College London
Maintenance costs. Value: £1.000

Publications

Overview

Type of Publication	Quantity	Notes
Journal Articles	4	First author in 4/4.
Peer-reviewed book chapters	8	First author in 4/8. 4 published, 4 in press.
Proceedings papers	9	First author in 6/9. 6 published. 3 in press/forthcoming.
Edited volumes	2	
PhD Thesis	1	
Total	24	

Journal articles

- Sutton, P. R. 2018. Probabilistic approaches to vagueness and semantic competency. *Erkenntnis* 83(4): 711-740.
- Sutton, P. R. and H. Filip, 2018. Counting constructions and coercion: container, portion and measure interpretations. *Oslo Studies in Language* 10(2), 2018. 97–119.
- Sutton, P. R. and H. Filip. 2017. Individuation, reliability and the mass/count distinction. *Journal of Language Modelling* 5(2): 303-356.
- Sutton, P. R. and Filip, H. 2016. Mass/count variation, a mereological, two-dimensional semantics, in Rothstein, S. & J Škilters (Eds.), *The Baltic International Yearbook of Cognition, Logic and Communication*, Vol. 11. New Prairie Press.

Peer-reviewed book chapters

- Erbach, Kurt, Peter R. Sutton & Hana Filip. 2019. Bare nouns and the Hungarian mass/count distinction. In: A. Silva, S. Staton, P. Sutton & C. Umbach (eds.), *Language*,

Logic, and Computation, 12th International Tbilisi Symposium, TbiLLC 2017 (LNCS 11456), Springer, pp. 86–107.

Sutton, P. R. and Filip, H. 2017. A probabilistic, mereological account of the mass/count distinction, *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, Vol. 10148, pp. 146-170. Springer.

Sutton, P. R. 2015. Towards a probabilistic semantics for vague adjectives. In H. Zeevat and H-C Schmitz (eds.) *Bayesian Natural Language Semantics and Pragmatics*, pp. 221-246, Springer.

Sutton, P. R. and Filip, H. 2016. Countability: Individuation and Context. In: A. Foret, G. Morrill, R. Muskens, R. Osswald, and S. Pogodalla (eds.) *Formal Grammar: Revised and selected papers from FG2015 and FG 2016*, LNCS 9804, pp. 290-305, Springer.

Proceedings papers for peer reviewed conferences

Erbach, K., P. R. Sutton, H. Filip, & K. Byrdeck. 2017. ‘Object Mass Nouns in Japanese’. In: A. Cremers, T. van Gessel, & F. Roelofsen eds. *Proceedings of the 21st Amsterdam Colloquium*. pp. 235-244.

Filip, H. & P. Sutton. 2017. ‘Singular Count NPs in Measure Constructions’. In: D. Burgdorf, J. Collard, S. Maspong & B Stefánsdóttir, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 27*, University of Maryland, College Park, USA. pp. 340-357.

Sutton, P. and H. Filip. 2019. Singular/Plural contrasts: The case of Informational Object Nouns. *Proceedings of the 22nd Amsterdam Colloquium*, pp 367–376.

Sutton, P. & H. Filip. 2018. Restrictions on Subkind Coercion in Object Mass Nouns. In R. Truswell, C. Cummins, C. Heycock, B. Rabern, and H. Rohde (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 21*. University of Edinburgh. pp. 1195-1213

Sutton, P. R. and Filip, H. 2016. Vagueness, overlap, and countability. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 20*, University of Tübingen. pp. 730-747.

Sutton, P. R. and Filip, H. 2016. Counting in context: Count/mass variation and restrictions on coercion in collective artifact nouns. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 26*:350-370.

Edited volumes

Silva, S. Staton, P. Sutton & C. Umbach. 2019 (eds.). *Language, Logic, and Computation*, 12th International Tbilisi Symposium, TbiLLC 2017 (LNCS 11456), Springer.

Rainer Osswald, Christian Retoré & Peter Sutton (eds.). *Proceedings of the IWCS 2019 Workshop on Computing Semantics with Types, Frames and Related Structures*

Articles and book chapters forthcoming and in press

Burnett, H., and P. R. Sutton. 2018, in press. Vagueness. in L. Matthewson, C. Meier, H. Rullman and T.E. Zimmermann. *Blackwell Companion to Semantics*. Wiley Publishing.

Schuster, A., Ströbner, C. Sutton, P.R., and Zeevat, H. 2020. Stochastic frames. Forthcoming in the *Proceedings of Probability and Meaning in the ACL Anthology*, 2020.

- Sutton, P. R. and C-R Little. 2020, in press. The Finnish partitive in counting and measuring constructions. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 24.
- Sutton, P. R. and H. Filip. 2020, in press. Informational Object Nouns and the mass/count distinction. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 24.
- Sutton, P. R. and H. Filip. 2020, in press. Container, Portion and Measure Interpretations of Pseudo-Partitive Constructions. In: J. Pelletier, T. Kiss, and H. Husič (eds.) *The Semantics of the Count-Mass Distinction*. CUP.
- Sutton P. R. and H. Filip. 2020, in press. The count/mass distinction for granular nouns. In: H. Filip (ed.) *Counting and Measuring in Natural Language*. CUP.
- Taylor, S. & P. R. Sutton. 2018, in press. A frame-theoretic model of Bayesian category learning. In S. Löbner, T. Gamerschlag, T. Kalenscher, M. Schrenk & H. Zeevat (eds.), *Cognitive Structures – Linguistic, Philosophical, and Psychological Perspectives*, Dordrecht: Springer.

PhD Thesis

- Sutton, P. (2013). *Vagueness, communication and semantic information*. PhD Thesis, King's College London.

Talks

Invited Talks

- *The Finnish partitive: countability, telicity, and (in)definiteness*. SynSem Colloquium, Universität Potsdam 3rd December, 2019
- *Informational Object Nouns and the Mass/Count Distinction*. Universität Wien 10th September, 2019 (with Hana Filip)
- *Individuation, Countability, and the Problem of the Many*. Research Colloquium for Logic and Epistemology Ruhr-Universität Bochum, 7th November, 2019
- *Prototypes as Bayesian Networks*. Probabilistic Approaches to (Prototype) Concepts Salzburg, 12th September, 2017
- *Restrictions on subkind coercion in object mass nouns*. University of Göttingen, Department of Philosophy Mittelbau Kolloquium 12th June, 2017
- *Restrictions on subkind coercion in object mass nouns*. Linguistischer Arbeitskreis (LAK), University of Cologne, 9th November, 2016
- *A probabilistic, mereological account of the mass/count distinction*. CLASP Seminar University of Gothenburg 30th November, 2016 (with Hana Filip)
- *Probabilities and Prototypes*. Workshop on Word Meaning, Cumberland Lodge, 23rd-24th April, 2014
- *Motivating a Probabilistic Semantics*. Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Research Colloquium 24th October, 2013

- *The Role of Uncertainty in Semantics*. University of Göttingen, Department of Philosophy Mittel-bau Koloquium 24th January, 2013

Selected Conference Talks

- The Finnish partitive in counting and measuring constructions & Number and Plurality 2019, Göttingen University & Sinn und Bedeutung 24, Osnabrück University & SinFonJA 2019, University of Brno & TbiLLC 2019, Georgia (with Carol-Rose Little)
- Singular/Plural contrasts: The case of Informational Object Nouns – Number and Plurality 2019, Göttingen University – Amsterdam Colloquium (with H. Filip)
- Informational Object Nouns and the Mass/Count Distinction – Berkeley Linguistics Society 2019 & Sinn und Bedeutung 24, Osnabrück University & TbiLLC 2019 (with H. Filip)
- Three Tests for Semantic Criteria for Count Nouns – Berkeley Linguistics Society 2019
- Object Mass as an Arbiter for the Mass/Count Category. The Count-Mass Distinction – A Linguistic Misunderstanding?, May 2018 (with Erbach, K., H. Filip & K. Byrdeck.)
- Coercion: container, contents and measure readings. The Count-Mass Distinction – A Linguistic Misunderstanding?, May 2018 (with H. Filip).
- Stochastic frames. Presented at: – Uncertainty in Meaning and Representation in Linguistics and Philosophy. Jelenia Góra, February, 2018. – Workshop on Records, Frames, and attribute spaces. Berlin, March, 2018 – CRC 991 Colloquium. HHU Düsseldorf. April, 2018 (with Schuster, A., Strößner, C., & Zeevat, H.).
- Object Mass Nouns in Japanese. One-to-many relations in morphology, syntax, and semantics workshop at The 40th Annual Conference of the German Linguistic Society, March 2018. (with Erbach, K., H. Filip & K. Byrdeck.)
- *Hungarian measure phrases, bare singular nouns, and mass/count distinction*. TbiLLC 2017: The 12th International Tbilisi Symposium on Language, Logic and Computation, Lagodekhi, Georgia. (with K. Erbach & H. Filip), September 2017.
- *Vagueness as the product of learning over a noisy channel*. TbiLLC 2017: The 12th International Tbilisi Symposium on Language, Logic and Computation, Lagodekhi, Georgia. September 2017.
- *Singular Count NPs in Measure Constructions*. Semantics and Linguistic Theory 27. University of Maryland, College Park, May 2017. (With H. Filip)
- *Object Mass Nouns in Japanese*. The 18th Szklarska Poreba Workshop, March 2017. (with K. Byrdeck, K. Erbach & H. Filip)
- *Mass-to-count coercion in ‘granular nouns’*. Workshop on Coercion Across Linguistic Fields. The 39th Annual Conference of the German Linguistic Society, Saarbrücken, Germany, March 2017.
- *Mass/Count Variation: A Two-Dimensional Semantics*. Colloquium talk. Department of Philosophy, Linguistics and Theory of Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden. November, 2016.
- *A probabilistic, mereological account of the mass-count distinction*. CLASP Seminar, University of Gothenburg. November, 2016. (With H. Filip.)
- *Restrictions on subkind coercion in superordinate object mass nouns*. Sinn und Bedeutung 21, University of Edinburgh, September 2016. (With H. Filip.)
- *Countability: Individuation and Context*. Formal Grammar 21. University of Bolzano/Bozen.

August 2016. (With H. Filip.)

- *Count/Mass Variation and Constraints on Mass-to-Count Coercion*. Countability Workshop, Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, June 2016. (With H. Filip.)

Dissertation supervision

Bachelor's dissertations:

- Alexander Switkowski *Sub-atomic readings of plural count nouns in German*. Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf (in progress).
Primary supervisor.
- Lisa Hofmann *How far can we deviate from the performative formula?*. Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, 2015.
Secondary supervisor.

Master's dissertations:

- Fabian Koglin. *Personal proper names in definite article phrases in German*. Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, 2017.
Primary supervisor.

PhD Committees:

- Kurt Erbach. Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf. Completed 2019.
Third supervisor (Postdoc committee member).
- Samuel Taylor. Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf. Completed 2019.
Third supervisor (Postdoc committee member).

Professional Services and Activities

Journal Reviewer:

Abstracta – Erkenntnis – Glossa – Journal of Semantics – Language Acquisition – Linguistics and Philosophy – The Baltic International Yearbook of Cognition – Logic and Communication – Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy – Topics in Cognitive Science – Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft

Conference Reviewer:

Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) – IWCS – North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL) – Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) – Semantics and Philosophy in Europe (SPE) – Sinn und Bedeutung

Teaching Awards

- 2011-12 Nominated, KCL School of Arts and Humanities Teaching Excellence Award
- 2011-12 Honourable Mention, KCL Philosophy Teaching Tutor Award
- 2010-11 Honourable Mention, KCL Philosophy Teaching Tutor Award

Workshop and Conference Organization

- 05.2019 Workshop on Computing Semantics with Types, Frames and Related Structures at IWCS. (Co-chair)
- 03.2019 The 20th Szklarska Poreba Workshop on the roots of pragmasemantics (Chair)
- 09.2018 Cognitive Structures: Linguistic, Philosophical and Psychological Perspectives, the biannual conference of the Collaborative Research Centre 991, Düsseldorf. (Committee member)
- 03.2018 Applications of Probability Theory in Linguistics (APT-Ling). Workshop at the 40th annual conference of the German Association for Linguistics (DGfS), Stuttgart. (Committee member)
- 03.2018 The 19th Szklarska Poreba Workshop on the roots of pragmasemantics. (Chair)
- 03.2017 The 18th Szklarska Poreba Workshop on the roots of pragmasemantics. (Committee member)
- 03.2016 The 17th Szklarska Poreba Workshop on the roots of pragmasemantics. (Committee member)
- 03.2011 Incrementality in Linguistic and Musical Interaction, King's College London. (Organiser)