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Employment

04.2025 –	**PI: Nouns in Contexts of Evaluation (NiCE), DFG Individual Research Grant**
	Potsdam Universität, Germany
10.2024 – 03.2025	**Postdoctoral Researcher in Linguistics**
	Recipient of a Postdoctoral Bridge Stipend, Potsdam Universität, Germany
06.2024 – 09.2024	**Postdoctoral Researcher in Linguistics**
	Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany
06.2021 – 05.2024	**PI: Polysemy and Countability in Abstract Nouns**
	Beatriu de Pinós Fellow in Linguistics
	Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain
	Co-funded: Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement & the Government of Catalonia
10.2014 – 05.2021	**Postdoctoral Researcher in Linguistics**
	Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany
10.2010 – 08.2014	**Graduate Teaching Assistant**
	King's College London, UK

Education

10.2009 - 12.2013	**Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy (conferred by examiners without any corrections)**
	King's College London, UK
	Title: Vagueness, Communication, and Semantic Information
	Supervisors: Shalom Lappin, Ruth Kempson, Mark Textor
	Examiners: 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

Grants & Awards

Competitively Acquired 3rd Party Funding

04.2025–	**DFG Individual Research Grant (Eigene Stelle)**
	Role: Principal Investigator
	Funding for a three-year research project. Value: **€342.271**
	Title: Nouns in Contexts of Evaluation (NiCE)
09.2022 – 11.2022	**Eutopia Collaborative Research Community Incubator Grant**
	Role: Coordinator
	Funding for a three-month group project. Value: **€30.000**
	Title: *Linguistic Interaction between Humans and AI (LIHAI)*
04.2021 – 03.2024	**Beatriu de Pinós Programme**
	Role: Principal Researcher
	Funding for a three-year postdoctoral project, cofounded by AGAUR, Generalitat de
	Catalunya and the European programme Marie Sklodowska Curie – COFUND
	Title: Abstract nouns: polysemy and countability
	Salary and research and travel costs. Value: **€144.300**

Other Competitively Acquired Funding

10.2024 – 03.2025	**Postdoctoral Bridge Stipend**
	Universität Potsdam
	Maintenance. Value: **€10.750**
08.2020 – 12.2012	**Norman-Malcolm Fellowship**
	Visiting Fellowship, Cornell University, USA
	Maintenance and travel costs. Value: approx. **$13.000**
10.2010 – 06.2012	**Arts and Humanities Research Council PhD Funding**
	Full Scholarship for PhD studies
	Maintenance and tuition fees. Value: approx. **£35.000**
10.2009 - 06.2010	**Sorabji Graduate Bursary**
	Stipend awarded by the Department of Philosophy, King's College London
	Maintenance costs. Value: **£1.000**

Publications

Overview

Journal Articles	6	Books and monographs	2	Peer-reviewed book chapters	11
Proceedings papers	13	Edited volumes	2	PhD Thesis	1
					Total 35

Journal articles

Sutton, P. R. 2024. The problem of the many: A view from the semantics of numerals and countability. *Linguistics and Philosophy* 47, 993–1026. DOI: 10.1007/s10988-023-09405-1

Sutton, P. R. 2024. Types and Type Theories in Natural Language Analysis. *Annual Review of Linguistics* 10: 107–126. DOI: 10.1146/annurev-linguistics-031422-113929

Sutton, P. R. 2018. Probabilistic approaches to vagueness and semantic competency. *Erkenntnis* 83(4): 711-740. DOI: 10.1007/s10670-017-9910-6.

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. DOI: 10.5617/osla.6678

Sutton, P. R. and H. Filip. 2017. Individuation, reliability and the mass/count distinction. *Journal of Language Modelling* 5(2): 303-356. DOI: https://doi.org/10.15398/jlm.v5i2.144

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. DOI: 10.4148/1944-3676.1110

Books and monographs

Sutton, P. R. and Filip, H. Objects and the Grammar of Countability. *Oxford Studies in Semantics and Pragmatics*. Oxford University Press. In Press.

Chatzikyriakidis, S., Cooper, R., Gregoromichelaki, E. and Sutton, P. R. 2025. Types and the structure of meaning: Issues in compositional and lexical semantics. *Cambridge Elements in Semantics* series. DOI: 10.1017/9781009285322

Peer-reviewed book chapters

Sutton P. R. and H. Filip. 2025, forthcoming. Nomen. In: D. Gutzmann, K. Turgay & T.E. Zimmermann (eds.) *Wörterbücher zur Sprach- und Kommunikationswissenschaft*: Semantik und Pragmatic. De Gruyter Brill.

Sutton, P. R. 2022. The origins of vagueness. In: Jean-Philippe Bernardy, Rasmus Blanck, Stergios Chatzikyriakidis, Shalom Lappin, Aleksandre Maskharashvili (eds.), *Probabilistic Approaches to Linguistic Theory*. CSLI. pp. 123–158. Repository link.

Sutton P. R. and H. Filip. 2021. The count/mass distinction for granular nouns. In: H. Filip (ed.) *Counting and Measuring in Natural Language*. CUP. Publisher link.

Sutton, P. R. and H. Filip. 2021. Container, Portion and Measure Interpretations of Pseudo-Partitive Constructions. In: J. Pelletier, T. Kiss, and H. Husič (eds.) *Things and Stuff: The Semantics of the Count-Mass Distinction*. CUP. Publisher link.

Erbach, K., P. R. Sutton, H. Filip, and K Byrdeck. 2021. Object Mass Nouns as Arbiter for the Mass/Count Category. In: J. Pelletier, T. Kiss, and H. Husič (eds.) *Things and Stuff: The Semantics of the Count-Mass Distinction*. CUP. Publisher link.

Burnett, H., and P. R. Sutton. 2020. Vagueness and Natural Language Semantics. in L. Matthewson, C. Meier, H. Rullman and T.E. Zimmermann. *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Semantics*. Wiley Publishing. doi.org/10.1002/9781118788516.sem053

Taylor, S. & P. R. Sutton. 2020. A frame-theoretic model of Bayesian category learning. In S. Löbner, T. Gamerschlag, T. Kalenscher, M. Schrenk & H. Zeevat (eds.), *Concepts, Frames and Cascades in Semantics, Cognition and Ontology*, Dordrecht: Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-50200-3_15 .

Erbach, K., P. R. Sutton & H. 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. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-662-59565-7_5

Sutton, P. R. and H. Filip. 2017. A probabilistic, mereological account of the mass/count distinction, *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, Vol. 10148, pp. 146-170. Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-662-54332-0_9

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. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-17064-0_10

Sutton, P. R. and H. Filip. 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. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-662-53042-9_17

Proceedings papers for peer reviewed conferences

Sutton, P. R. 2024. Individuation criteria and copredication: modification in context. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 28.* https://doi.org/10.18148/sub/2024.v28.1167

Sutton, P. R. and H. Filip. 2024. Making a statement: eventuality denoting nominals. *Proceedings of the Amsterdam Colloquium 2024.* https://platform.openjournals.nl/PAC/article/view/21864

Sutton, P. R. 2022. Restrictions on copredication: a situation theoretic approach. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 32.* 335–355. https://doi.org/10.3765/salt.v1i0.5351.

Sutton, P. R., H. Filip, T. Snider, and M. Windhearn. 2022. Metaphorical measure expressions. In: Daniel Gutzmann and Sophie Repp (eds.): *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 26.* 924–244. https://doi.org/10.18148/sub/2022.v26i0.1032.

Sutton, P. R. and H. Filip. 2020. Informational Object Nouns and the mass/count distinction. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 24.* https://doi.org/10.18148/sub/2020.v24i2.900.

Sutton, P. R. and C-R Little. 2020. The Finnish partitive in counting and measuring constructions. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 24.* https://doi.org/10.18148/sub/2020.v24i2.901.

Schuster, A., C. Strößner, P. R. Sutton and H. Zeevat. 2020. Stochastic frames. *Proceedings of the Conference on Probability and Meaning (PaM 2020).* C. Howes, S. Chatzikyriakidis, A. Ek and V. Somashekarappa (eds.) aclanthology.org/2020.pam-1.11/

Sutton, P. R. and H. Filip. 2019. Singular/Plural contrasts: The case of Informational Object Nouns. *Proceedings of the 22nd Amsterdam Colloquium*, pp 367–376. platform.openjournals.nl/PAC/article/view/22118

Sutton, P. R. and Filip, H. 2019. Vagueness, overlap, and countability. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 20*, University of Tübingen. pp. 730-747. ojs.ub.uni-konstanz.de/sub/index.php/sub/article/view/292

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. platform.openjournals.nl/PAC/article/view/22149

Filip, H. & P. R. 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. https://doi.org/10.3765/salt.v27i0.4277.

Sutton, P. R. & 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. ojs.ub.uni-konstanz.de/sub/index.php/sub/article/view/193

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.* pp. 350-370. https://doi.org/10.3765/salt.v26i0.3796.

Edited volumes

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

Osswald, R., C.Retoré & P. R. Sutton (eds.). 2019. Proceedings of the IWCS 2019 Workshop on Computing Semantics with Types, Frames and Related Structures

PhD Thesis

Sutton, P. R. 2013. Vagueness, communication and semantic information. PhD Thesis, King's College London.

Talks

Invited

05.2025	Polysemous Abstract Nouns: Categorisation and Individuation. ZAS semantic circle, Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin.
06.2024	The challenge of polysemy for natural language semantics. Logic Colloquium, Special Session on Logic, Language and Computation University of Gothenburg
05.2024	Polysemy and copredication: implications for compositional and lexical semantics, Colloquium CRC 1412 "Register" HU Berlin
12.2023	The challenge of polysemy for natural language semantics. Philosophy of Language, Logic, and Information Colloquium Ruhr Universität Bochum
05.2022	Polysemy and Copredication: a situation-theoretic approach. Meaning in Language Colloquium, HHU Düsseldorf
02.2020	The Finnish partitive case: (a)telicity, and (in)definiteness. (Plenary Talk). 21st Skzlarska Poreba Workshop.
12.2019	The Finnish partitive: countability, telicity, and (in)definiteness. SynSem Colloquium, Universität Potsdam
11.2019	Individuation, Countability, and the Problem of the Many. Research Colloquium for Logic and Epistemology Ruhr-Universität Bochum
09.2019	Informational Object Nouns and the Mass/Count Distinction. Universität Wien (with H. Filip)

09.2017	Prototypes as Bayesian Networks. Probabilistic Approaches to (Prototype) Concepts Salzburg
06.2017	Restrictions on subkind coercion in object mass nouns. University of Göttingen, Department of Philosophy Mittelbau Koloquium
11.2016	Restrictions on subkind coercion in object mass nouns. Linguistischer Arbeitskreiss (LAK), University of Cologne
11.2016	A probabilistic, mereological account of the mass/count distinction. CLASP Seminar University of Gothenburg (with H. Filip)
04.2014	Probabilities and Prototypes. Workshop on Word Meaning, Cumberland Lodge
10.2013	Motivating a Probabilistic Semantics. Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Research Colloquium
01.2013	The Role of Uncertainty in Semantics. University of Göttingen, Department of Philosophy Mittelbau Koloquium

Peer reviewed conferences & workshops (talks and posters)

Upcoming	Gradable abstract nouns and eventualities. Poster. Sinn und Bedeutung 30, Frankfurt
12.2024	Sutton, P. R. Making a statement: eventuality denoting nominals. Amsterdam Colloquium 2024, (with H. Filip)
09.2023	Individuation criteria and copredication: modification in context. Poster. Sinn und Bedeutung 28, Ruhr Universität Bochum
06.2022	Restrictions on copredication: a situation theoretic approach. Poster. Semantics and Linguistic Theory 32 COLMEX and UNAM
09.2021	Metaphorical measure expressions. Sinn und Bedeutung 26, Universität zu Köln, (with H. Filip, T. Snider, and M. Windhearn)
12.2019	Singular/Plural contrasts: The case of Informational Object Nouns. 22nd Amsterdam Colloquium, ILLC Amsterdam, (with H. Filip)
09.2019	Informational Object Nouns and the mass/count distinction – Sinn und Bedeutung 24, Universität Osnabrück, (with H. Filip)
09.2019	The Finnish partitive in counting and measuring constructions & Number and Plurality 2019, Göttingen University & Sinn und Bedeutung 24, Osnabrück University & SinFonIJA 2019, University of Brno & TbiLLC 2019, Georgia, (with Carol-Rose Little)
09.2019	Singular/Plural contrasts: The case of Informational Object Nouns – Number and Plurality 2019, Göttingen University – Amsterdam Colloquium (with H. Filip)
09.2019	Informational Object Nouns and the Mass/Count Distinction. Sinn und Bedeutung 24, Osnabrück University & TbiLLC 2019 (with H. Filip)
02.2019	Informational Object Nouns and the Mass/Count Distinction – Berkeley Linguisitics Society 2019 (with H. Filip)
02.2019	Three Tests for Semantic Criteria for Count Nouns – Berkeley Linguisitics Society 2019
05.2018	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), Osnabrück
05.2018	Coercion: container, contents and measure readings. The Count-Mass Distinction – A Linguistic Misunderstanding? (with H. Filip), Osnabrück
02.2018	Stochastic frames. 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 (with A. Schuster, C. Strößner, C., & H. Zeevat)
03.2018	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 (with K. Erbach, H. Filip & K. Byrdeck.)
09.2017	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)
09.2017	Vagueness as the product of learning over a noisy channel. TbiLLC 2017: The 12th International Tbilisi Symposium on Language, Logic and Computation, Lagodekhi, Georgia
05.2017	Singular Count NPs in Measure Constructions. Poster. Semantics and Linguistic Theory 27. University of Maryland, College Park (with H. Filip)
03.2017	Object Mass Nouns in Japanese. The 18th Szklarska Poreba Workshop (with K. Byrdeck, K. Erbach & H. Filip)
03.2017	Mass-to-count coercion in 'granular nouns'. Workshop on Coercion Across Linguistic Fields. The 39th Annual Conference of the German Linguistic Society, Saarbrücken, Germany (with H. Filip)
11.2016	Mass/Count Variation: A Two-Dimensional Semantics. Colloquium talk. Department of Philosophy, Linguistics and Theory of Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden. November (with H. Filip)
11.2016	A probabilistic, mereological account of the mass-count distinction. CLASP Seminar, University of Gothenburg (with H. Filip)

09.2016	Restrictions on subkind coercion in superordinate object mass nouns. Sinn und Bedeutung 21, University of Edinburgh (with H. Filip)
08.2016	Countability: Individuation and Context. Formal Grammar 21. University of Bolzano/Bozen. August 2016 (with H. Filip)
06.2016	Count/Mass Variation and Constraints on Mass-to-Count Coercion. Countability Workshop, Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf (with H. Filip)
05.2016	Counting in context. Poster at SALT 26 (Semantics and Linguistic Theory), The University of Texas at Austin, USA (with H. Filip)
12.2015	Mass/Count Variation: A mereological, two-dimensional semantics. 11th International Symposium of Cognition, Logic and Communication; Number: Cognitive, Semantic and Crosslinguistic Approaches. University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia. (with H. Filip)

Service

Workshop and Conference Organisation

09.2025	Fifteenth International Tbilisi Symposium on Logic, Language and Computation (TbiLLC 2025). (Co-chair)
09.2023	Workshop on the *Semantics of Hidden Meanings (SHiM)* at TbiLLC 2023. (Co-chair)
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 pragma-semantics. (Chair)
03.2017	The 18th Szklarska Poreba Workshop on the roots of pragma-semantics. (Committee member)
03.2016	The 17th Szklarska Poreba Workshop on the roots of pragma-semantics. (Committee member)
03.2011	Incrementality in Linguistic and Musical Interaction, King's College London. (Organiser)

Reviewer

Journal	Abstracta – The Baltic International Yearbook of Cognition – Erkenntnis – Glossa – Journal of Semantics – Language Acquisition – Linguistics and Philosophy – Logic and Communication – Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy – Noûs – Philosophy & Psychology – Semantics and Pragmatics – Topics in Cognitive Science – Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft
Conference	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) – SemDial – Sinn und Bedeutung

Student supervision

Bachelor's theses

2021	Carlotta Schneeberger. *A Puzzle about the Extension of Slurs: Defending a Conventional Implicature Approach.* Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf. Primary supervisor.
2020	Alexander Switkowsky. *Sub-atomic readings of plural count nouns in German.* Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf. Primary supervisor.
2015	Lisa Hofmann. *How far can we deviate from the performative formula?.* Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf. Secondary supervisor.

Master's theses

2024	Stepan G. Kuznetsov. Lexical Semantics in Modern Type Theory The challenge of selectional coercion. Master in Pure and Applied Logic. University of Barcelona. Primary Supervisor.
2017	Fabian Koglin. *Personal proper names in definite article phrases in German.* Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf. Primary supervisor.
2017	Lena Schwarz. *Legal Language and Implicit Meaning.* Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf. Secondary supervisor.

PhD Committees

2019	Kurt Erbach. Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf. Third supervisor (Postdoc committee member as part of the CoRE graduate training programme of SFB 991)
2019	Samuel Taylor. Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf. Third supervisor (Postdoc committee member as part of the CoRE graduate training programme of SFB 991)

Teaching

Summer/Winter Schools

09.2023	Invited tutorial. TbiLLC 2023. Polysemy, copredication and individuation
12.2018	Invited lecturer: Barcelona Winter school on Semantics. Vagueness and ambiguity
08.2016	ESSLLI 2016. Counting and measuring (with H. Filip)

Lecturer, UPF Barcelona

Winter 2024	MA Current issues in linguistic theory.
Winter 2022	MA Semantics & Pragmatics (co-taught with L. Mayol)

Teacher/Examiner, HHU Düsseldorf

Winter 2019	Seminar on Countability and Plurality
Spring 2018	Seminar on Vagueness in Natural Language
Winter 2016	Seminar on Probability theory in Semantics and Pragmatics
Spring 2016	Seminar on counting and measuring (with H. Filip)
Winter 2015	Seminar on counting and measuring (with H. Filip)
Spring 2015	Master's in Linguistics Colloquium

Invited Lecturer, HHU Düsseldorf

Winter 2015	Lecture on the logics of vagueness.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, King's College London

2013-14	Logic and Language — Foundations of Analytic Philosophy — Philosophy of Mind
2012-13	Topics in Philosophy of Language — Formal Semantics
2011-12	Philosophy of Mind — Formal Syntax — Formal Semantics
2010-11	Elementary Logic

Seminar Teacher, University of Helsinki

2006-07	Intermediary Seminar in Philosophy of Language
	Intermediary Seminar in Philosophy of Science
2005-06	Preparatory Seminar in Philosophy of Language

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

Previous placements for professorial positions

Placed third for W3-Professur für Semantik, Heinrich-Heine-Universität, Düsseldorf (2021)

Membership of professional associations:

The British Philosophical Association
The German Association for Linguistics (DGfS)

Technical Skills

Programming Languages	Python, LaTeX
Languages	English (native), German (advanced), Finnish (intermediate), Spanish (lower intermediate)