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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

- 04.2021 - 03.2024 **Beatriu de Pinós Fellowship**
Description: 3 year grant for the project *Abstract nouns: polysemy and countability*
Value: € 144,300
- 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., Strößner, 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 Arbeitskreiss (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 Mittelbau Kolloquium 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, Uni-

- versity 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 *Legal Language and Implicit Meaning*. 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.
- Lena Schwarz *How far can we deviate from the performative formula?*. Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, 2015.
Secondary 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

Seminar Teacher, Helsinki:

- 2006-07 Intermediary Seminar in Phil. of Language,
Intermediary Seminar in Phil. of Science.
2005-06 Preparatory Seminar in Phil. 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

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)