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## Academic Employment

- 06.2021 - **Beatriu de Pinós Postdoctoral Researcher**  
Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain  
Project: Polysemy and Countability in Abstract Nouns  
Co-funded by the EU Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No 801370  
and the the Secretary of Universities and Research (Government of Catalonia)
- 07.2020 - 05.2021 **Postdoctoral Researcher in Semantics**  
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany  
Project: Individuation of eventualities and abstract things  
A DFG funded Individual Research Grant. PI: Prof. Hana Filip
- 07.2015 - 06.2020 **Postdoctoral Researcher in Semantics**  
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany  
Project C09: A frame-based analysis of countability  
Part of DFG CRC 991. PI: Prof. Hana Filip
- 10.2014 - 06.2015 **Postdoctoral Researcher in Semantics**  
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany  
HHU Strategic Research Fund (SFF) project: A frame-based analysis of countability  
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 (passed with no 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

## Funding and Previous W3 Applications

### Competitively Acquired 3rd Party Funding

- 09.2022-11.2022      **Eutopia Collaborative Research Community Incubator Grant**  
Role: Coordinator  
Funding for a three-year postdoctoral project, funded by the European Union as part of the Eutopia University alliance.  
Title: *Linguistic Interaction between Humans and AI (LIHAI)*  
Travel, subsistence and ancillary costs for a 6-person research group. Value: **€30.000**
- 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 Skłodowska Curie – COFUND  
Title: *Abstract nouns: polysemy and countability*  
Salary and research and travel costs. Value: **€144.300**
- 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**

### Other Competitively Acquired Funding

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

### Previous W3 Applications

Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> for W3-Professur für Semantik, Heinrich-Heine-Universität, Düsseldorf

## Publications

### Overview

Type of Publication	Quantity	Notes
Journal Articles	4	1 <sup>st</sup> author in 4/4.
Peer-reviewed book chapters	10	1 <sup>st</sup> author in 6/10 (1 in press)
Proceedings papers	11	1 <sup>st</sup> author in 8/11 (2 in press)
Edited volumes	2	
PhD Thesis	1	
Total	28	

In addition, 2 monographs are under contract.

### 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**

- Burnett, H., and P. R. Sutton. 2020, in press. Vagueness. in L. Matthewson, C. Meier, H. Rullman and T.E. Zimmermann. *Blackwell Companion to Semantics*. Wiley Publishing.
- Erbach, K., P. R. Sutton, H. Filip, and K Byrdeck. 2020. Object Mass Nouns as Arbiter for the Mass/Count Category. In: J. Pelletier, T. Kiss, and H. Husič (eds.) *The Semantics of the Count-Mass Distinction*. CUP.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.) *The Semantics of the Count-Mass Distinction*. CUP.
- 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.
- 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 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.
- 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.

### **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. 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.
- 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.)
- Sutton, P. R. and H. Filip. 2020. Informational Object Nouns and the mass/count distinction. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 24*.
- 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.
- Sutton, P. R. and C-R Little. 2020. The Finnish partitive in counting and measuring constructions. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 24.

### **Edited volumes**

- Silva, A., S. Staton, P. R. Sutton & C. Umbach. 2019 (eds.). *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*

### **Publications forthcoming and in press**

- Sutton, P. R. 2022 in press. The origins of vagueness. In: Jean-Philippe Bernardy, Rasmus Blanck, Stergios Chatzikyriakidis, Shalom Lappin, Aleksandre Maskharashvili (eds.), *Probabilistic Approaches to Linguistic Theory*. CSLI.
- Sutton, P. R. 2022 in press. Restrictions on copredication: a situation theoretic approach. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 32.
- Sutton, P. R., H. Filip, T. Snider, and M. Windhearn. 2022 in press. Metaphorical measure expressions. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 26.

### **Articles, books and monographs under contract**

- Structure in Semantics. A volume in the *Cambridge Elements in Semantics* series. With Robin Cooper, Stergios Chatzikyriakidis, and Eleni Gregoromichelaki. Under contract.
- Objects and the Grammar of Countability. A volume in the *Oxford Studies in Semantics and Pragmatics* series. With Hana Filip. Under contract.
- Types and Type Theories in Natural Language Analysis for Volume 10 of the *Annual Review of Linguistics*. Invited contribution.

### **PhD Thesis**

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

### **Talks**

#### **Invited Talks**

- *The Finnish partitive case: (a)telicity, and (in)definiteness*. (Plenary Talk). 21<sup>st</sup> Skzlarska Poreba Workshop. 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020
- *The Finnish partitive: countability, telicity, and (in)definiteness*. SynSem Colloquium, Universität Potsdam 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019
- *Informational Object Nouns and the Mass/Count Distinction*. Universität Wien 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 (with Hana Filip)
- *Individuation, Countability, and the Problem of the Many*. Research Colloquium for Logic and Epistemology Ruhr-Universität Bochum, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2019
- *Prototypes as Bayesian Networks*. Probabilistic Approaches to (Prototype) Concepts Salzburg, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2017
- *Restrictions on subkind coercion in object mass nouns*. University of Göttingen, Department of Philosophy Mittelbau Koloquium 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

- *Restrictions on subkind coercion in object mass nouns*. Linguistischer Arbeitskreiss (LAK), University of Cologne, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2016
- *A probabilistic, mereological account of the mass/count distinction*. CLASP Seminar University of Gothenburg 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 (with Hana Filip)
- *Probabilities and Prototypes*. Workshop on Word Meaning, Cumberland Lodge, 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April, 2014
- *Motivating a Probabilistic Semantics*. Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Research Colloquium 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2013
- *The Role of Uncertainty in Semantics*. University of Göttingen, Department of Philosophy Mittelbau Kolloquium 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2013

### **Selected Conference Presentations**

- Restrictions on copredication: a situation theoretic approach – Semantics and Linguistic Theory 32 COLMEX and UNAM, 06.2022
- Metaphorical measure expressions – Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 26, Universität zu Köln, 09.2021 (with H. Filip, T. Snider, and M. Windhearn).
- The Finnish partitive in counting and measuring constructions & Number and Plurality 2019, Göttingen University & Sinn und Bedeutung 24, Osnabrück University & SinFonIA 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:

- Carlotta Schneeberger. *A Puzzle about the Extension of Slurs: Defending a Conventional Implicature Approach*. Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, 2021. Primary supervisor.
- Alexander Switkowski. *Sub-atomic readings of plural count nouns in German*. Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, 2020. 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.
- Lena Schwarz. *Legal Language and Implicit Meaning*. Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, 2017. 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 – 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 – 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

## **Membership of professional associations:**

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

## **Teaching**

### **Summer/Winter Schools**

Summer 2023      Invited lecturer. The Yerevan Academy for Linguistics and Philosophy (YALP)  
Postponed from Summer 2020 due to COVID 19.  
Winter 2018      Invited lecturer: Barcelona Winter school on Semantics.  
Vagueness and ambiguity.  
Summer 2016      ESSLLI 2016. Counting and measuring (with H. Filip)

### **Lecturer, UPF Barcelona**

Winter 2022      MA Semantics & Pragmatics (co-taught with L. Mayol)

### **Teacher/Examiner, HHU Düsseldorf:**

Winter 2019/20    Seminar on Countability and Plurality  
Spring 2018      Seminar on Vagueness in Natural Language  
Winter 2016/17    Seminar on Probability theory in Semantics and Pragmatics  
Spring 2016      Seminar on counting and measuring (with H. Filip)  
Winter 2015/16    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, KCL:**

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, 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

## 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 40 <sup>th</sup> 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)

## Language Skills

English	Native
German	Very Good
Finnish	Very Good