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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 (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

Publications

Overview

Type of Publication	
Journal Articles	5
Books and monographs	2
Peer-reviewed book chapters	10
Proceedings papers	12
Edited volumes	2
PhD Thesis	1
Total	32

Journal articles

- Sutton, P. R. 2024a. The problem of the many: A view from the semantics of numerals and countability. *Linguistics and Philosophy*, In press.
- Sutton, P. R. 2024b. Types and Type Theories in Natural Language Analysis. *Annual Review of Linguistics* 10: 107–126. DOI: [10.1146/annurev-linguistics-031422-113929](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/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. Under contract, manuscript submitted.
- Chatzikyriakidis, S., Cooper, R., Gregoromichelaki, E. and Sutton, P. R. Forthcoming. Types and the structure of meaning: Issues in compositional and lexical semantics. A volume in the *Cambridge Elements in Semantics* series.

Peer-reviewed book chapters

- 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
- 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. 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.
- 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. <https://doi.org/10.3765/salt.v27i0.4277>.

- Schuster, A., C. Ströbner, 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. 2024, in press. Individuation criteria and copredication: modification in context. In: Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 28.
- 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. 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. <https://doi.org/10.3765/salt.v26i0.3796>.
- 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>.

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

PhD Thesis

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

Talks

Invited Talks

- *The challenge of polysemy for natural language semantics*. Philosophy of Language, Logic, and Information Colloquium Ruhr Universität Bochum 20. December 2023.
- *The Finnish partitive case: (a)telicity, and (in)definiteness*. (Plenary Talk). 21st Skzlarska Poreba Workshop. 28th February, 2020
- *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 Presentations

- Individuation criteria and copredication: modification in context – Sinn und Bedeutung 28, Ruhr Universität Bochum, 09.2023.
- 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 & 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., Ströbner, 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

September 2023 Invited tutorial. TbiLLC 2023
Polysemy, copredication and individuation
Winter 2018 Invited lecturer: Barcelona Winter school on Semantics.
Vagueness and ambiguity.
Summer 2016 ESLLI 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 2019/20 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 th 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