

Workshop on Alternative-Based Semantics
University of Nantes, October 29-30, 2010
Salle du Conseil, Centre International des Langues (CIL)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

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| 8:45-9:15 | Registration/Coffee |
| 9:15-9:45 | Introduction
<i>Anamaria Falaus, LLING</i> |
| 9:45-10:45 | Phenomena involving alternatives: experimental comparison
<i>Emmanuel Chemla, Institut Jean Nicod</i> |
| 10:45-11:15 | Coffee break |
| 11:15-12:00 | Widening as Entropy
<i>Jacques Jayez, ENS Lyon</i> |
| 12:00-12:45 | Inquisitive and alternative semantics
<i>Jeroen Groenendijk & Floris Roelofsen, ILLC, Amsterdam</i> |
| 12:45-14:45 | Lunch break |
| 14:45-15:45 | tba
<i>Maribel Romero, University of Konstanz</i> |
| 15:45-16:15 | Coffee break |
| 16:15-17:00 | Ignorance in free relatives via a wideness constraint on Hamblin alternatives
<i>Kyle Rawlins, Johns Hopkins University</i> |
| 17:00-17:45 | What we gain, and what we lose, with a Hamblin semantics for free choice
<i>Anastasia Giannakidou & Josep Quer, University of Chicago & Universitat Pompeu Fabra</i> |

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 8:30-9:00** **Coffee**
- 9:00-10:00** *Scalar Implicatures and Dependent Plurality in Spanish*
Paula Menéndez-Benito & Luis Alonso-Ovalle, University of
Göttingen & University of Massachusetts Boston
- 10:00-10:30** **Coffee break**
- 10:30-11:15** *Domain alternatives cause intervention effects in German wh-*
questions
Clemens Mayr, ZAS
- 11:15-12:00** *English FCI: Plurality, Universality, and Definiteness*
Veneeta Dayal, Rutgers University
- 12:00-14:00** **Lunch break**
- 14:00-15:00** *On the Role of Scalar Alternatives in the Polarity System*
Gennaro Chierchia, Harvard University
- 15:00-15:30** **Coffee break**
- 15:30-16:15** *Alternatives in Givenness Marking*
Michael Wagner, McGill University
- 16:15-17:00** *Mere-ology*
Elizabeth Coppock & David Beaver, University of Texas at
Austin
- 17:00-18:00** **Discussion**

Alternate talks:

Contrastive Topic: A Reductionist Approach - *Uli Sauerland, ZAS*

Prosody and interpretation of disjunctive questions - *Kathryn Pruitt & Floris*
Roelofsen, UMass & ILLC, Amsterdam