



Language Science Colloquium 2016-17

Monday, March 13th

Time: 11:00-12:30 pm

Location: 1511 Social and Behavioral Sciences Gateway Building

Lunch will be served.

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Epistemic language in indicative and counterfactual conditionals

In this talk I'll report on a series of experiments which examine judgments about epistemic modals, both in unembedded contexts and in the consequents of indicative and counterfactual conditionals. Building on these results and recent probabilistic theories of epistemic language, I propose a probabilistic version of Kratzer's restrictor theory of conditionals that identifies the indicative/counterfactual distinction with Pearl's distinction between conditioning and intervening in probabilistic graphical models.

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