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To the memory of Jesus Mari Larrazabal Antia (1948-2021)
Founder of ILCLI

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Introduction

The aim of this report is to present the main research and academic activities carried out at the Institute during the year of 2021. Saying that this has been an unusual and difficult year for all of us is, of course, a major understatement. Our daily lives have been drastically affected by the pandemic, and so has our work as researchers.

Doing high quality, interdisciplinary and internationally relevant research is, at best, very demanding. Doing so in times of pandemic presents its own challenges and it entails a completely different set of skills, activities and ways of collaboration among researchers.

2021 will be remembered for many things, most of them painful. Researchers will no doubt remember it for the prevalence of online work and communication: online conferences, talks, workshops, classes, meeting, etc. Also, for the cancellation of events, travels, and visiting exchanges.

These new experiences, ways, and the challenges associated with them are reflected in this report. But not only these. In the last five or six years, ILCLI has gone through a deep, and at some points tough transition. In 2015 Xabier Arrazola, founder member and ILCLI director passed away. In 2018 Jesus Mari Larrazabal, founder member and former ILCLI director retired. In 2021, Jesus Mari Larrazabal passed away, and Jesús Ezquerro, ILCLI director until February 2021, retired. María de Ponte was elected as ILCLI director, starting in February 2021.

These have been years of transition and change at ILCLI. Devoid of any economic help —other than the research grants obtained in competitive calls—, almost no administrative personnel, and a diminishing number of permanent researchers, ILCLI members have had to struggle and work hard to keep the Institute alive.

Now, it is safe to say that we not only managed to keep it alive and functioning, but also, that the Institute has come out of this transition in very good health. New researchers and students have joined us, and new research lines have been opened. Institute members continue to produce good research with an international impact and we are organizing workshops, talks and seminars on a regular basis. The Institute has new predoctoral students (4 students are currently doing their PhDs at the Institute), and during the year it has hosted three postdoctoral researchers and one PhD visiting student, it has just welcomed its second Ikerbasque professor and it is expecting the incorporation of a new Ikerbasque and several postdoctoral researchers.

ILCLI has a long, rich and fruitful history and, despite its many challenges, a vibrant present. It is our aim to ensure it has the brilliant future it deserves, so that we can keep contributing to the research done in the University of the Basque Country, keep forming new young researchers and attracting international talent and, most importantly, so that we can keep doing internationally relevant and interdisciplinary work in the areas of logic, cognition, language, and information. ILCLI is growing, and it needs room and help to reach its full potential.

In this brief report, we present the Institute, its researchers and its daily work, including grants, activities, and publications. We hope this report serves as a proof of the quality work that is being carried out, and, most importantly, of the huge potential ILCLI has to grow and to continue doing internationally relevant research work.

The Institute



The Institute for Logic, Cognition, Language and Information (ILCLI) was officially created by the Basque Autonomous Government on May 31, 1999. However, the research work began some years before. It was almost thirty years ago, on December 9, 1993, when its premises at Villa Asunción were inaugurated with a lecture by Nicholas Asher (Austin, Texas) entitled: *Non-monotonicity: a tool for discourse interpretation*

ILCLI's main goal from the very beginning was to join together researchers working in the fields of language, cognition, information and communication, and integrate them in common projects. Particularly, philosophers, logicians, linguists, psychologists, mathematicians, artificial intelligence scientists and also social theoreticians on knowledge, action, and organization. This goal was, and still is, pretty ambitious. ILCLI's project was, and still is, a pioneering one in its geographical context.

Nowadays, more than 20 researchers work regularly at ILCLI, and the Institute is host to GOGOIA, an interdisciplinary journal in Basque. Among its members, there are permanent and temporary professors and researchers, postdoctoral researchers, pre-doctoral students and visiting scholars. There are researchers coming from different departments of the University of the Basque Country, as well as researchers from Universities in Argentina, United States, Catalunya, France, UK, Canada or Brazil, to name a few.

These last twenty years, ILCLI has been the research place of many researchers, from different countries. Most importantly, these past years have served to form and develop various research groups of different sizes, with external specific funding or not, able to work together in close contact to similar international research groups.

ILCLI is an international landmark for the interdisciplinary studies on language, reasoning, cognition, information, and communication. To know more about the Institute, please visit our web page:

<https://www.ehu.eus/en/web/ilcli>

Grants

Research group Language, Action and Thought (LAT)

Basque Government (IT1032-16), 2016-2021. Consolidated research group, category A with 90,5 points.

<https://latgroup.wixsite.com/home>

The consolidated research group “Language, Action and Thought” is based at ILCLI and it has 15 members (all ILCLI researchers) and 8 external collaborators. The group’s I.P. is Kepa Korta, permanent researcher at ILCLI and associate professor (prof. titular) at the Philosophy Department (UPV/EHU).

LAT members include 7 permanent researchers, 1 temporary researcher, 3 post-doctoral researchers, and 5 pre-doctoral researchers.

Permanent Researchers:

1. Eros Corazza (Ikerbasque Research Professor),
2. María de Ponte (Associate Professor),
3. Joana Garmendia (Associate Professor),
4. Kepa Korta (Associate Professor),
5. Heidi Maibom (Ikerbasque Research Professor),
6. Larraitz Zubeldia (Associate Professor).

Temporary Researcher:

1. Ekain Garmendia (Assistant Professor).

Post-doctoral Researchers:

2. Josu Acosta,
3. Chris Genovesi,
4. Aida Fernández.

Pre-doctoral Researchers:

1. Margarita Díaz,
2. Zvonko Díaz,
3. Beñat Esnaola,
4. Yolanda García,
5. Irati Zubia.

LAT

Language, Action and Thought

LAT external collaborators include internationally renowned researchers in the areas of linguistics, philosophy of language and the cognitive sciences.

1. Jérôme Dokic (Professor, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, and Researcher at Institut Jean-Nicod),
2. Stacie Friend (Reader, Birkbeck University),
3. Genoveva Martí (ICREA Research Professor, University of Barcelona),
4. Eleonora Orlando (Associate Professor, University of Buenos Aires and Researcher at the Argentinian National Research Council (CONICET)),
5. Ernesto Perini (Professor, Federal University of Minas Gerais and Researcher at CNPq),
6. John Perry (Henry Waldgrave Stuart Professor of Philosophy Emeritus at Stanford University, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy Emeritus at the University of California (Riverside), and Doctor Honoris Causa from the University of the Basque Country),
7. Stefano Predelli (Professor, University of Nottingham),
8. Richard Vallée (Professor, University of Moncton).

LAT regularly organizes workshops, seminars and conferences at ILCLI. Visit the group's web page: <https://latgroup.wixsite.com/home>, to find information about the group, its activities and publications, but also pictures and videos of most of the seminars and workshops that the group organizes.

BACK TO FREGE'S (AND PERRY'S) ROOTS AND BACK TO THE FUTURE AGAIN. THE CONTENT-PLURALISTIC VIEW OF LANGUAGE AND MIND

Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation (PID2019-106078GB-I00; MCI/AEI/FEDER, UE), 2020-2024.

In a sense, this proposal is a continuation of previous projects funded by the Ministry, which developed John Perry's Critical Referentialism (Perry 2001/2012) in the context of the minimalism/contextualism debate in the philosophy of language (MICINN: HUM2006-11663/FISO), giving way to the elaboration of our own theory, called Critical Pragmatics (Korta and Perry 2008, 2011, 2013), also (misleadingly) identified as multi- or pluri-propositionalism and (better) as content-pluralism (MICINN: FFI2009-08574). The approach has been developed both theoretically and in the application to various issues in semantics and pragmatics during the last few years (MINECO: FFI2012-37726 and MINECO: FFI2015-63719-P (MINECO/FEDER, UE)), showing its philosophical depth, its originality and huge potential. In this project, we intend to continue with the development of its theoretical aspects and with the elaboration and study of some novel applications. This work constitutes one part of the project. With it, we intend to make significant advances to the content-pluralist view of language and mind.

The other, and perhaps more important part of the project consists in the careful revision of the roots of this pluralist approach: the work of Gottlob Frege and the criticisms made by John Perry. The aim is to revise the Fregean foundations of Critical Referentialism and Critical Pragmatics, assuming that this will help clarifying (1) Frege's approach to a multi-layered theory of meaning and content in language and thought, (2) the scope and impact of Perry's critique of Frege's approach, and (3) the similarities and differences between this approach and other pluralistic approaches, especially, those sometimes grouped under the label of "two-dimensionalism" (e.g. Chalmers 1996, 2004, Jackson 1998, Kaplan 1989, Stalnaker 1978).

Pre-doctoral grants of the Basque Government:

Beñat Esnaola,
Irati Zubia.

Pre-doctoral grants of the Spanish Government:

Margarita Díaz,
Yolanda García.

Post-doctoral grant of the Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC):

Chris Genovesi

People

María de Ponte. Director.



María de Ponte (Tenerife, Canary Islands) is an Associate Professor at the University of the Basque Country. Before, she was an Assistant Professor at the University of Seville (2012-2018), a Juan de la Cierva Post-doctoral Researcher at ILCLI, and a Fulbright post-doctoral Researcher at Brown University. She works on the philosophy of language, logic, mathematics and time, and her works have been published in journals such as *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Topoi* and *Logique et Analyse*. She is currently a member of the research group on Language, Action, and Thought.

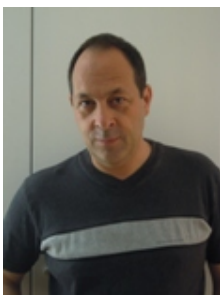
Larraitz Zubeldia. Academic Secretary.



Larraitz Zubeldia obtained her PhD in Basque Philology at the University of the Basque Country in 2010. She has been a postdoctoral researcher at UCL (2011-2012) and at ILCLI (2013), with a fellowship from the Basque Government. She is a lecturer since then, first at the Department of Linguistics and Basque Studies, and since 2015 at the department of Basque Language and Communication at the University of the Basque Country. Her research work is focused mostly on the analysis of the meaning and use of the Basque evidential/modal particles. She is currently a member of the research group on Language, Action, and Thought.

Permanent Researchers

Javier Aguirre



Javier Aguirre, B.A. in Philosophy (UPV/EHU) and Social Sciences (Unizar), and PhD in Philosophy (UPV/EHU) with a research about Aristotle's *Metaphysics*. He is an Associate Professor at the University of the Basque Country and has been a visiting scholar in some European and American universities. His main areas of interest are the birth of Greek Philosophy, Aristotle's aporetics, Plato and poetry, Philosophy and Basque language and Aragonian popular culture. He has authored and co-authored several books, editions, chapters, translations and papers on these topics. He is currently working on Plato's *Ion* dialogue and Aristotle's *Parva Naturalia*.

Eros Corazza



Eros Corazza was educated at the University of Geneva and Indiana University. After a 3 year post-doc at Stanford he joined the philosophy department at the University of Nottingham. In 2005 he joined Carleton University Philosophy and Cognitive Science Departments and in 2009 he became an Ikerbasque Research Professor affiliated to ILCLI (University of the Basque Country). His main interests concern the philosophy of language/mind, philosophy of linguistics and cognitive sciences. He published *Reflecting the Mind: Indexicality and Quasi-Indexicality*, Oxford University Press (2004) and a series of papers in philosophy of language and mind. He is currently a member of the research group on Language, Action, and Thought.

Enetz Ezenarro



Enetz Ezenarro is an assistant professor at Gasteiz (University of the Basque Country). He obtained his PhD in Philosophy at the University of the Basque Country His present interests are focused on several questions related to the metamathematical analysis of this graph, mainly to elucidate the specific role which plays algebra in its configuration. His main areas of interest are foundations of mathematics, mathematical logic and mathematics' education in mathematics.

Jesús Ezquerro



Jesús Ezquerro was educated at the University of Salamanca. After 7 years teaching at this University, he joined the Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science at the University of the Basque Country, where he was a Professor of philosophy of science. His research interests concern the philosophy of psychology/mind, cognitive sciences, action theory and natural language processing. He has published a number of papers on these topics. He retired in August 2021.

Joana Garmendia



Joana Garmendia (Anoeta, Basque Country) obtained her PhD in Philosophy at the University of the Basque Country. She has been (2008-2010) a post-doctoral fellow at the Center for the Study of Language and Information (CSLI, Stanford University); (2010-2013) a Juan de la Cierva researcher at ILCLI; and she is now Associate Professor at the Department of Basque Language and Communication of the University of the Basque Country. Her main research interests include irony, non-literal speech, fictional discourse, and the semantics and pragmatics of Basque. She is the assistant secretary of GOGOIA. She is currently a member of the research group on Language, Action, and Thought.

Lorena Gil de Montes



Lorena Gil de Montes obtained her Ph.D. at the Free University Amsterdam. She is now lecturer in the Department of Social Psychology and Methodology of the Behavioral Sciences at the University of the Basque Country. She teaches 'Social Psychology and Language' and other subjects related to communication. Her research interests include the influence of self-regulation processes (affective, cognitive and motivational) on the use of language. The main research objectives are to explain why stereotypes tend to persist in everyday life, and the study of the relation between self-control processes and language use.

Kepa Korta



Kepa Korta is a Senior Lecturer of Philosophy at the University of the Basque Country. His research fields include the philosophy of language, semantics and pragmatics, the philosophy of action and, more recently, aesthetics and the philosophy of art. He has authored a number of books and papers, and co-authored with John Perry, and more recently with María de Ponte several works on pragmatics in *Mind and Language*, *Synthese*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* and *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, *Topoi*, *Semiotica* and numerous collections. Korta and Perry's book *Critical Pragmatics. An inquiry into Reference and Communication* was published by Cambridge University Press in 2011. He is currently the coordinator of the research group on Language, Action, and Thought.

Heidi Maibom



Heidi Maibom (PhD London, CandPhil Copenhagen) is Ikerbasque Research Professor and Distinguished Professor at the University of the Basque Country, at ILCLI, and Professor of Philosophy at University of Cincinnati. She is President of the European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions (EPSSE). She works on empathy, emotions, moral psychology, psychopathology, responsibility, and meaning in life. She has written two books on empathy, *Empathy* (Routledge 2020) and *Knowing Me, Knowing You* (Oxford), edited *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Empathy* (Routledge 2017), *Empathy and Morality* (Oxford 2014), and *Neurofeminism* (w. R. Bluhm & A.J. Jacobsen, Palgrave MacMillan 2012), and published numerous papers in journals and collections.

Luis Angel Pérez Miranda



Luis Ángel Pérez Miranda (Ph.D in Philosophy) is a Senior Lecturer of Logic and Methodology of Science at the Faculty of Arts (Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science, University of Basque Country). His research interests include reasoning and argumentation in discourse; rationality and action theory; philosophical foundations of decision-making and game theory.

Alain Ulazia



Alain Ulazia is an Assistant Professor at the University of the Basque Country. Alain does research in Engineering Physics, Renewable Energies (wind and ocean waves) and in theoretical construction of Fluid Mechanics. His current projects are 'Historical wave energy trends' and 'Offshore Wind Energy Assessment using Mesoscale models (WRF)'.

Temporary Researchers

Ekain Garmendia



Ekain Garmendia Mujika is a lecturer at the Department of Philosophy at the University of the Basque Country. He got a BA at the University of the Basque Country, a MA on Cognitive Sciences and Language, and a PhD in Philosophy at the University of Barcelona. He was a post-doctoral researcher at UNAM, Mexico. His main philosophical interests lie in the Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind and Epistemology, mainly focusing on epistemological issues and aspects concerning externalist notions of representational content. He is currently a member of the research group on Language, Action, and Thought.

Jonathan Lavilla



Jonathan Lavilla de Lera is an Assistant Professor at the University of the Basque Country (UPV-EHU). Before he studied in the University of Barcelona, where he received a PhD in Contemporary Philosophy and Classical Studies (2014), a M.A. in Philosophy and Classical Studies (2010), a B.A. in Classics (2015) and a B.A. in Philosophy (2009). His area of interest includes rhetoric, Greek drama, Plato, Aristotle, and ethical and political problems of Ancient Greece. He is a member of Ethics in Communities of Practice research group (ETICOP-IT, GIU 18/140).

Post-doctoral Researchers

Josu Acosta



Josu Acosta (Gasteiz, 1984) got his Ph.D. in Cognitive Science and Humanities in 2017 at the University of the Basque Country, with a dissertation entitled "Explaining Culture. A Constraint-based Account." His research is focused on naturalistic accounts of culture. His own account results from the application of basic situation-theoretic notions of information, constraint and attunement to the analysis of cultural subject matter, its birth, reproduction, survival and extinction. He is a member of the research group on Language, Action, and Thought.

Aida Fernández



Aida Fdz. Cotarelo has a B.A. in Psychology (University of Santiago de Compostela, 2013), M.A. in Cognitive Science and Humanities (ILCLI, 2015), and a PhD in Psychology (2021). She is currently working on a PhD under the supervision of Dr. Lorena Gil De Montes and Dr. Kepa Korta. Her areas of research are aesthetics and psychology of dance. Her present interests are in dance appreciation, what is to apprehend dance as art and what kind of properties and capacities are relevant for dance understanding. She is currently a member of the research group on Language, Action, and Thought.

Visiting Researchers

Chris Genovesi



Chris Genovesi received his PhD at the Institute of Cognitive Science (ICS) at Carleton University. His research interests include philosophy of language, pragmatics, figurative language, and the philosophy of Paul Ricoeur. He is currently holding a SSHRC post-doctoral fellowship at the ILCLI.

Enrico Brugnami



Enrico Brugnami is a PhD student at the University of La Laguna (Canary Islands). He works on pluralism and perspectives and he is doing his dissertation under the supervision of Prof. Margarita Vázquez and Prof. Andrés Jaume. He enjoys a fellowship from the Government of the Canary Islands. He was a visitor at ILCLI, under the supervision of Prof. María de Ponte, during the months of September and October of 2021.

Emeritus Honorary Fellows

Pello Huizi



Pello Huizi, PhD in Psychology. He has been a Lecturer of Psychology of Thinking and Language at the University of the Basque Country. He was also co-director of the first dictionary of psychology in Basque, *Psikologia. Hiztegia*. His research interests include psychology of reasoning, psychology of language, and also argumentation and emotion. He is now a Emeritus Honorary Fellow at the ILCLI.

Jesus Mari Larrazabal



Jesus M. Larrazabal (Zumaia, 1948) BA in philosophy and economics at the Universities of Paris-X, Valencia and UPV/EHU Bilbao. Master in Logic and PhD in Philosophy, he was Professor of Logic since 1992. His research in logic began by doing model theory and working on the foundations of mathematics, and evolved over the years into the semantic applications of logic to natural language and to systems of cognition and action. He was Emeritus Honorary Fellow until his passing, in June 2021.

Research Associate Fellows

Eduardo Alonso



Eduardo Alonso is a Reader in Artificial Intelligence at City University London, and Director of the Artificial Intelligence Research Centre, CitAI. He has published dozens of papers, contributions to various volumes and edited several Springer LNAI and LNCS numbers. He is a member of the Society for Computational Modeling of Associative Learning, and of the (British) Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council College. He is the co-founder and director of the Centre for Computational and Animal Learning Research. It all started at the ILCLI under the supervision of Prof. Larrazabal.

Mixel Aurnague



Mixel Aurnague is a CNRS Research Director at Lattice (ENS - PSL & Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris). His research is concerned with lexical semantics of space and time tackled from a threefold perspective –descriptive, formal and experimental. He has (co)authored or codirected 9 books and dozens of papers on the following topics: formal representation of space in language; part-whole relations; internal localization nouns of French and Basque; prepositions, cases and prepositional expressions; categorization of spatial entities in language; spatio-temporal adverbials and structure of discourse; definition and classification of intransitive motion verbs of French; association of motion verbs and spatial PPs.

José Martínez



José Martínez was a Visiting Researcher at the ILCLI with an Ikerbasque Fellowship. He studied Philosophy and Mathematics at the University of Valencia, where he got his Ph.D. in Philosophy. After two years as a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the University of Pittsburgh, he joined the University of Barcelona. Since 2008 he is Professor Agregat (Associate Professor) at the University of Barcelona. He works in philosophical logic and his main areas of interest are the liar paradox, theories of truth, and many-valued logics. He has published several papers and contributions to various volumes on these topics.

PhD Students

Margarita Díaz



Margarita Díaz has a B.A. in Philosophy (University of Seville, 2014) and an Inter-University Master in Logic and Philosophy of Science (University of Granada, 2016; module of Philosophy of Mind and Language). She is working on a PhD on aesthetic realism under the supervision of Dr. María de Ponte Azkarate and Dr. Fernando García Murga. The main aim of her research is to defend aesthetic realism through the analysis of aesthetics judgments. She is currently a member of the research group on Language, Action, and Thought.

Zvonko Díaz



Zvonko Díaz has a B. A. in Philosophy (University of Basque Country, 2012) and a M. A. in Cognitive Science and Humanities: Language, Communication and Organization (ILCLI-University of the Basque Country, 2015). He is working on a PhD on the ontological structure of social obedience under the supervision of Professor Manuel Liz and Dr. Kepa Korta. His main interests range from social ontology, collective intentionality and (political) action, to practical reason and meta-ethics. He is currently a member of the research group on Language, Action, and Thought

Beñat Esnaola



Beñat Esnaola has a B.A. in Philosophy (University of the Basque Country, 2018) and a M.A. in Cognitive Science and Language (University of Barcelona, 2019). He is currently working on a PhD on unarticulated constituents in language and thought under the supervision of Dr. Kepa Korta. His main research interests include unarticulated constituents, the philosophy of language, semantics and pragmatics. He is currently a member of the research group on Language, Action, and Thought.

Yolanda García



Yolanda García has a BA in Spanish Language and Literature (University of Santiago de Compostela, 2013) and a MA in Cognitive Science and Humanities: Language, Communication and Organization (ILCLI. University of the Basque Country, 2015). She is currently working on her PhD on irony in high-functioning autism at the University of the Basque Country, under the supervision of Dr. Kepa Korta and Dr. Fernando García Murga. Her main research interests are irony, non-literal speech, clinical pragmatics and the cognitive abilities involved in pragmatic skills. She is a member of the research group on Language, Action and Thought.

Irati Zubia



Irati Zubia Landa has a BA in Philosophy (University of the Basque Country, 2019) and a MA in Philosophy, Science and Values (University of the Basque Country, 2020). She is currently doing her PhD on post-truth and bullshit, under the supervision of Dr. Joana Garmendia and Dr. Agustin Arrieta Urtizbera. Her main research interests include philosophical issues related to post-truth, the pragmatics of bullshitting, and their political and ethical implications.

Workshops and Seminars Organized at ILCLI

Since its beginnings, more than twenty years ago (non-officially almost thirty), one of the main aims of ILCLI has been to do research work at an international level, and to host internationally recognized researchers. That has always involved organizing international conferences, workshops and seminars. We believe these activities are fundamental to gain international recognition, to present our research work to broader audiences and to generate the much-needed stimulus and ambition to do research at the top level.

Bringing the world's most relevant researchers in our areas of work to ILCLI has allowed us to learn from them, to share and discuss with them about language, logic, cognition and information, and to establish and consolidate work and institutional relations with some of the top universities and research centers around the world. Conference and workshop series like the *International Colloquium on Cognitive Science (ICCS)* or the *Workshop on Semantics, Pragmatics, and Rhetoric (SPR)* constituted ineludible meetings for international researchers in those areas.

Among the participants in our workshops and conferences there are many of the most important philosophers and cognitive scientists in the world, such as Jon Barwise, John Biro, Robyn Carston, Patricia Churchland, Herbert H. Clark, L. Jonathan Cohen, Rosaria Conte, Martin Davies, Barbara Grosz, Joseph Halpern, David Israel, Ruth M. Kempson, Peter Kivy, Kurt Konolige, Martin Kusch, George Lakoff, Hector Levesque, William Lycan, F. Jeff Pelletier, John Perry, Martha Pollack, François Recanati, Stephen Schiffer, Candace Sidner, Scott Soames, Ernest Sosa, Ronald de Sousa, Dan Sperber, Stephen Stich, Raimo Tuomela, Howard Wettstein, Timothy Williamson, Deirdre Wilson, and many others.



Reference and the Elusive Self. Workshop on John Perry's (most recent) work.

2021 Activities

As we all know well, this last academic year has been quite unique. Many workshops and conferences have been cancelled or postponed, with most trips and research stays suspended. ILCLI has of course also struggled in this respect. We have however managed to keep organizing online seminars on a regular basis, keeping a close contact and intense research work with our external collaborators, and getting to know new researchers and to share our work.

Workshops: Critical Pragmatics. Ten Years on 15-17 December, 2021

**Critical Pragmatics:
TEN YEARS ON**

Keynote Addresses
Kepa Korta (ILCLI, Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea)
John Perry (CSLI, Stanford University)

Speakers
Leonard Clapp (Northern Illinois University)
Stacie Friend (Birkbeck, University of London)
Genoveva Marti (ICREA, Universitat de Barcelona)
Michael Nelson (University of California at Riverside)
Ernesto Perini (Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais)
Ana Clara Polakof (Universidad de la República, UdelaR/SNI)
Stefano Predelli (University of Nottingham)
Miroslava Trajkovski (University of Belgrade)

Organized by
LAT Research group on Language, Action and Thought

Workshop info here

Online workshop
15th-17th December 2021

Attendance is free. For access, contact genoveva.c@gmail.com

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Workshop to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the publication of *Critical Pragmatics* (Kepa Korta and John Perry).

Keynote Speakers:

Kepa Korta and John Perry

Contributed Papers:

Leonard Clapp; Stacie Friend; Genoveva Marti; Michael Nelson; Ernesto Perini; Ana Clara Polakof; Stefano Predelli, and Miroslava Trajkovski.

The talks presented in the workshop will be published in a special issue in a peer-reviewed Journal.

Genoveva Marti (Logos - Universitat de Barcelona). "Taste and identity. Reflections on two x-phi tests"

Wednesday, June 26, 2021. 5:00 pm. Venue: online.

Abstract:



Experimental philosophers insist that tests and experimental studies should be performed in order to determine if the attitudes, intuitions, beliefs, actions and reactions of the folk coincide with the conjectures of philosophers. In this paper we discuss a recent study, in which Cova et al. call into question the prima facie tension postulated by aestheticists between (i) people's endorsement of claims that one would expect subjectivists to endorse, such as *de gustibus non est disputandum*, and (ii) the fact that people very often behave as if they were objectivists or, at the very least, intersubjectivists. Our paper follows in the heels of a previous one in which we have focused on another x-phi experiment that purports to test whether people perceive the story of The Ship of Theseus as a puzzle. In both cases, we argue, the experimental data fail to provide evidence about the relevant issues.

Eleonora Orlando (U Buenos Aires-SADAF): "Fictional names, mental files and declarative speech act"

Wednesday, May 26, 2021. 5:00 pm. Venue: online.

Abstract:



In this paper I defend the claim that fictional names refer to individual concepts, understood as mental files. Those concepts constitute the set of thoughts that are in turn constitutive, together with the corresponding sentences, of what I call 'the conceptual world of a fictional narrative'. In defending this thesis, I offer an interpretation of the distinction between fictive, parafictive and metafictional uses of the sentences containing fictional names.

Stefano Predelli (University of Nottingham): "Radical Fictionalism: Interpretation and Criticism"

Wednesday, April 28, 2021. 5:00 pm. Venue: online.

Abstract:



In this talk I explore some consequences of Radical Fictionalism, namely the thesis that so-called fictional names are only fictionally proper names. I provide a brief summary of the starting points for Radical Fictionalism, with particular attention to the storyworld-periphery divide. I then proceed to certain consequences of Radical Fictionalism for the interpretation of fictional narrative, focusing on the aims and scope of critical discourse.

Stacie Friend (Birbeck, University of London): "Co-Identification Again"

Wednesday, March 31, 2021. 5:00 pm. Venue: online.

Abstract:



I have argued elsewhere that we can account for intuitions about co-identification -- the sense in which empty names such as 'Santa Claus' and 'Father Christmas' are "about" the same thing even though there is no such thing (cf. Geach's 'intentional identity') -- by appeal to the communication networks that underpin reference for non-empty names. In this paper I consider some objections to this account and recent alternative proposals.

Ernesto Perini (Fed. U. of Minas Gerais): "Articulating a framework for unarticulated constituents"

Tuesday, February 23, 2021. 5:00 pm. Venue: online.

Abstract:



The idea of unarticulated constituents was introduced by John Perry: the truth-conditions of many thoughts have components that the subject herself does not represent. This happens because language is always a supplement to whatever else is available to the agents engaged in a conversation. Information needed for the agents to grasp a full propositional content comes from different sources: the frame of an action, the alignment of perspectives in a dialogue, joint attention, the memory of shared experiences and the cumulative nature of conversations. Once we have identified these different sources of information, we have to see what unarticulated constituents are constituents of. They are constituents of propositions, i.e., of classifying tools for the theorist, not representations of what is in the agent's mind. I suggest the merging of two ways to represent

propositions: completing the words uttered with the missing elements for a truth-evaluable item, or for the intended truth-evaluable item, and adopting Austinian propositions.

Richard Vallée (U Moncton): "Indexicals in Fiction"

Monday, January 25th, 2021. 5:00 pm. Venue: online.

Abstract:



I explore the problem of indexicals in fiction, and I suggest a semantic view using the notion of indexed token as basic to account for such expressions. My proposal focuses on the cognitive significance of indexed tokens only, and it does not face the issue of truth of such tokens

Reading Group on Heidi Maibom's forthcoming book on empathy

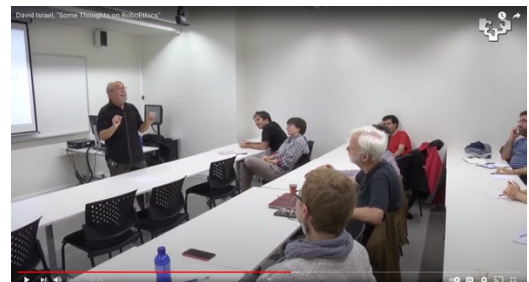
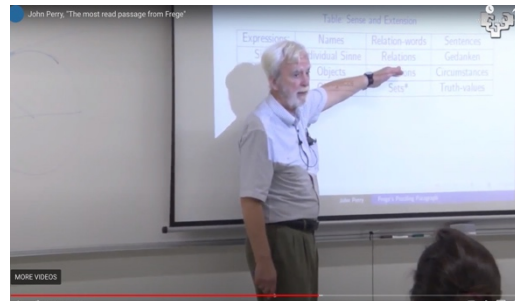
Every Thursday, starting February 4th 2021, at 5pm. Online.

Abstract:

Empathy is often criticized for being biased or partial. When we empathize with someone, we don't empathize with another, therefore potentially making us biased *against* this other. For this reason, it is a poor tool in moral or legal matters. *Knowing Me, Knowing You* shows just how mistaken this view is. Because we are already biased by our own interests and concerns, empathy invariably makes us *less* biased and more impartial. In Part I, I demonstrate that our view of the world is not neutral or objective, but an integral function of our organismic being in the world. We see the world *in relation* to ourselves. In Part II, I show how perspective *taking* is fundamental to knowing others, knowing ourselves, and to a more objective and impartial view of the world.

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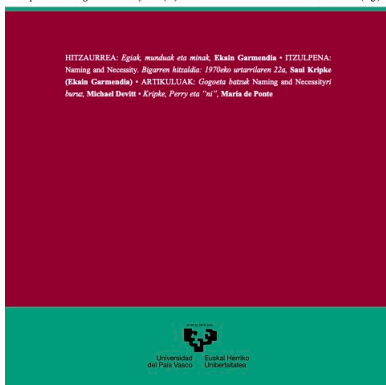


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