

# Keny Chatain, Ph. D.

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## Overview

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Interests semantics, pragmatics, computational linguistics, formal language theory, experimental semantics

Selected Research Themes Distributivity, cumulativity and homogeneity  
Dynamic Semantics  
Theories of exhaustivity  
Computational Approaches to Meaning  
Formal Language Theory


## Employment

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Sep 2021 – ... **Post-doctoral researcher**  
Institut Jean Nicod, École Normale Supérieure, Paris Sciences et Lettres  
Under the supervision of: Philippe Schlenker, Emmanuel Chemla

## Education

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Aug 2016 – Jul 2021 **Ph. D. in linguistics**  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Thesis title: *Cumulativity from Homogeneity*   
Committee: Martin Hackl, Roger Schwarzschild, Danny Fox, Gennaro Chierchia

Sept 2013 – Aug 2017 **ENS diploma**  
École Normale Supérieure de Paris, Paris, France

Sept 2014 – Aug 2015 **1<sup>st</sup> year of CogMaster** – master in cognitive science  
University of Paris VI, Paris, France  
Advisor: Benjamin Spector

Sep 2013 – Aug 2014 **B. Sc. in Mathematics**  
University of Paris VII, Paris, France

Sep 2010 – Aug 2013 **Classes préparatoires** – mathematics, computer science, physics  
Lycée Louis-le-Grand, Paris, France  
(≈ freshman & sophomore)


## Research Publications


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### Journal Articles


K. Chatain, “Articulated Homogeneity in Cumulative Sentences,” *Journal of Semantics*, 2021. 


### Submitted


K. Chatain, P. Schlenker, “Local Pragmatics Redux”, Submitted to *Linguistics and Philosophy*, 2023. 


K. Chatain, “Cumulativity from homogeneity,” Submitted to *Semantics and Pragmatics*, 2022. 

### Conference Proceedings

K. Chatain, “Cumulative readings of every and leaks,” in *Proceedings of the 30th conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory*, 2020. 

K. Chatain, “Reciprocating same,” in *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 29*, 2019. 


K. Chatain, “Wide-scope distributivity,” in *Proceedings of NELS 38*, 2019. 


K. Chatain, “Gaps in the interpretation of pronouns,” in *Proceedings of the 28th conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory*, 2017. 

## Presentations

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### Refereed presentations

2020 **Cumulative readings of every with leaks**   
30th conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory  
Cornell University, virtually

2019 **Reciprocating same**   
Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 29  
Osnabrück University, Osnabrück, Germany

**Reducing order-insensitivity in anaphora to accommodation**   
Workshop on Asymmetries in Language: Presuppositions and Beyond  
Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachenwissenschaft, Berlin, Germany

**Wide-scope distributivity**   
49th meeting of North Eastern Linguistic Society  
Cornell University, Ithaca, USA

2017 **Gaps in the interpretation of pronouns**   
28th conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory  
MIT, Cambridge, USA



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- Reviewing for Conferences Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB)  
Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)  
Student Session of the European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI StuS)  
Student Session of the North American Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (NASSLLI StuS)
- Organization Co-organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop on Homogeneity and Non-Maximality with Nina Haslinger (University of Göttingen)   
Co-organized the 1<sup>st</sup> workshop on Homogeneity and Non-Maximality, with Nina Haslinger (University of Göttingen) and Omar Agha (University of Connecticut)   
Founded and organized a reading group on the linguistics of discrimination (the Rhombus Reading Group)


## Skills

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- Languages French (native), English (fluent), Spanish (advanced), Modern Standard Arabic (advanced), Lebanese Arabic (advanced).
- Coding Python, R, Haskell, Rust, HTML, CSS, . . .
- Tools Amazon Mechanical Turk, PC Ixex, Git, LaTeX.


## Software

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Developer of the Exh package: a Python package to compute innocent exclusion exhaustification. 

## References

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