# Keny Chatain, Ph. D.

Researcher in semantics and pragmatics, specializing in plurals, scalar implicatures, presuppositions

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## Overview

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**

Sep 2021 – ... Post-doctoral researcher

Institut Jean Nicod, École Normale Supérieure, Paris Sciences et Lettres Under the supervision of: Philippe Schlenker, Emmanuel Chemla

## Education

Aug 2016 – Jul 2021 Ph. D. in linguistics

Massachussetts Institute of Technology

Thesis title: Cumulativity from Homogeneity  ${}^{oldsymbol{\lozenge}}$ 

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

#### 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**

### 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 Sprachenwissenchaft, Berlin, Germany

# Wide-scope distributivity 🗞

49th meeting of North Eastern Linguistic Society Cornell University, Ithaca, USA

### $^{2017}$ Gaps in the interpretation of pronouns $^{\circ}$

28th conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory MIT, Cambridge, USA

#### **Invited Presentations**

#### 2023 Reducing Pronoun Accessibility To Presupposition Satisfaction

University of Göttingen

#### Reducing Pronoun Accessibility To Presupposition Satisfaction

Colloquium

Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel, virtually

# Teaching & Advising

#### Classes

#### Spring 2023 Current topics in the semantics and pragmatics of plural expressions

Co-instructor: Benjamin Spector

34th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI) Designed and held three full 1h30 lectures on distributivity, cumulativity and number marking.

#### Masters course "Semantics I" (LING 202)

Course convener: Benjamin Spector Cogmaster, ENS, PSL, EHESS Designed and held weekly recitations

#### Fall 2019 Undergraduate seminar "Introduction to Linguistics" (24.900)

Course convener: Adam Albright Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Designed and held weekly recitations, graded essays and problem sets, advised students on elicitations.

### Fall 2018 Graduate course "Introduction to Semantics" (24.979)

Course convener: Roger Schwarzschild and Martin Hackl

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Designed and held weekly recitations, advised students on final papers.

### Students

#### Fall 2022 Nina Gregorio

Master's students

Co-advising with: Benjamin Spector

Helping the student to design an experiment to tease apart readings of cross-clausal

anaphora.

# **Professional Service**

Reviewing for Journals Journal of Semantics

Semantics and Pragmatics (editorial board)

Synthese

Linguistic and Philosophy Natural Language Semantics eLife

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 1st 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

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 Ibex, Git, LaTeX.

# Software

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

# References

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