

LING 239 Semantics Seminar:  
Varieties of *De Se* Expressions  
Syllabus (as of: September 27, 2006)

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Prerequisites: Semantics A & B, their equivalents, or instructor's permission.  
Class rescheduling: There will be no class on Monday, October 30th. Available Fridays are: October 6th, 13th, and 20th; November 3rd.

## THE PLAN

The aim of the course is to cover in some detail the philosophical and linguistic literature surrounding *de se* ascriptions. Some of our data will be drawn from the usual suspects: obligatory control, long-distance anaphora, shifted indexicals, logophors, and the tense of CP complements. We will also consider data from dream report pronouns, epistemic modals, predicates of personal taste, generic pronouns, direct discourse, and free indirect discourse. We will probe the similarities and differences of these constructions, using them to diagnose to what extent they are the result of common mechanisms. This topic will also give us opportunity to delve into the mechanisms of *de re* ascription and issues of first-personal knowledge.

## REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to read all assigned readings and participate in class discussions. There are four formal requirements: a) an in-class presentation on one of the assigned readings, b) a final paper on a topic of the student's choosing related to the issues raised in the seminar, c) a short presentation of the student's research during Finals Week (Dec. 4th or 6th), and d) homework. As for the last item, I will (occasionally, fitfully) assign "homework" problems, often questions I would like you to think about for the following class and which we will discuss. I do not plan on there being any turned-in assignments, and if I do assign any, they will most likely be of a computational nature.

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## TOPICAL OUTLINE

### 1 The mechanics of *de re* ascription

#### 1.1 Tripartite theories

Chierchia (1989), Reinhart (1990), Cresswell and von Stechow (1982), Stechow (1982)

#### 1.2 Acquaintance Relations

Aloni (2000; 2005), Kaplan (1969), Lewis (1979), Pryor (2004), Kaplan (1978)

#### 1.3 Bipartite theories

Aloni (2000), Schlenker (2004), Anand (2006)

### 2 Two puzzles for *de re* reductionism

#### 2.1 Quantificational puzzle

Maier (2005), Percus and Sauerland (2003a), Anand (2006)

#### 2.2 Dream report puzzle

Percus and Sauerland (2003b), Anand (2006), Arregui (2006)

### 3 Fitting in tense and aspect

#### 3.1 Temporal *de re/de se*

Abusch (1997), Heim (1994), Kusumoto (1999)

#### 3.2 The contribution of attitude verbs and modals

Abusch (1998; 2004), Katz (2001), Condoravdi (2002), von Stechow (2005)

#### 3.3 Puzzles regarding aspectual *de re*

Hacquard (2006)

### 4 Quotation

#### 4.1 Direct discourse

Potts (2005), Geurts and Maier (2005), Cummins (2005), Cappelen and Lepore (2005), Reimer (2005), Recanati (2000; 2001)

#### 4.2 Free Indirect discourse

Sharvit (2004), Doron (1991), Banfield (1982)

## 5 De se specific pronominals

### 5.1 Shifted indexicals

Stechow (2002), Anand and Nevins (2004), Schlenker (2003), Anand (2006)

### 5.2 Logophors

Adesola (2005), Koopman and Sportiche (1989), Sells (1987), Anand (2006)

### 5.3 Long-distance reflexives

Oshima (2004), Anand and Hsieh (2005), Iida (1992), Pan (1997), Cole et al. (2001), Huang and Liu (2001)

### 5.4 Intensive pronouns

Zribi-Hertz (1989), Schlenker (1999) (something by Kuno)

## 6 Implicit de se arguments

### 6.1 Generics/impersonals

Safir (2005), Moltmann (2002), Malamud (2006)

### 6.2 Predicates of Personal Taste

Lasersohn (2005), McCready (2006), Stephenson (2006)

### 6.3 Epistemic Modals

Egan (2005), Egan et al. (2005), Macfarlane (2006), Fintel and Gilles (2006; 2005)

## 7 Some dissent

Safir (2005), Higginbotham (2003; 1992)

## 8 Immunity to Error through misidentification

Shoemaker (1968), Pryor (1999), Evans (1982), Recanati (1993), Anscombe (1975)

## Important papers to be added somewhere

Castañeda (1966), Kaplan (1989), Bittner (to appear)

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