

Ist Year Scientific and Didactic Relation

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Suggested name of the Supervisor (IF different from the tutor)

(A) Didactics

1) List of institutional or curricular courses

- Lectures on Classics in Analytic Philosophy. Prof. Guido Bonino, and Prof. Diego Marconi
- Lectures on Consciousness and Intentionality. Prof. Alberto Voltolini
- Reading Group Epilog (Genova)
- Logic Course on Goedel's theorem and conditionals. Prof. Andrea Iacona
- Rolling Seminar
- Course on Argumentation. Prof. Carlo Penco, Prof.ssa Cristina Amoretti, and Prof.ssa Margherita Benzi

2) List of working papers written in those occasions

- “Le critiche alla soluzione scettica di Kripke” (Lectures on Classics – Prof. Diego Marconi)
- “Il doppio carattere della percezione” (Lectures on Consciousness and Intentionality - Prof. Alberto Voltolini)
- “Oggettività e punto di vista” (Rolling Seminar – Prof.ssa Daniela Steila)
- Logic Exam (Mark: 7/8)

(B) Research and diffusion

1) List of seminars and conferences you have participated

- Workshop Grammar and Reference (October 19th, LLC - Università degli Studi di Torino)
- Talk by Kasia Jazcolt (October 23rd, Università degli Studi di Genova)
- Doctoral Lecture by Ermanno Bencinvenga (November 6th, Università degli Studi di Torino)
- Talk by Maciej Witek (November 6th, Università degli Studi di Milano)
- LLC talk by Manuel Garcia-Carpintero (November 8th, Università degli Studi di Torino)

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- LLC talk by Helene Leblanc (December 14th, Università degli Studi di Torino)
- Lectures by Laura Caponetto on Speech Acts (December 13th and 20th, Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milan)
- Talk by Jennifer Hornsby (December 18rd, Università degli Studi di Genova)
- Reading group on “Down Girl” (January-May, Università degli Studi di Torino)
- Seminar by Nicole Miglio (January 17th, Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milan)
- SIFL Conference (January 24th-25th, Università degli Studi di Milano)
- Talk by Robert Mark Simpson (February 6th, Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milan)
- LLC Talk by Edoardo Datteri (February 22nd, Università degli Studi di Torino)
- Workshop on Generic Generalizations (March 16th-17th, Univeristé de Sherbrooke)
- Cattedra Rotelli Lectures by Rae Langton (March 19th-23rd, Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milan)
- Talk by Bianca Cepollaro (April 12rd, Università degli Studi di Genova)
- Talk by Massimiliano Vignolo (April 16th, Università degli Studi di Milano)
- Lesson by Guido Rodriguez on Brain and Language (May 9rd, Università degli Studi di Genova)
- Mangoletsi Lectures by Sally Haslanger (May 15th-16th, University of Leeds)
- Lecture on Generics by Federico Cella (May 22nd, Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milan)
- Borg/Predelli Workshop on Context Dependence (May 23rd-25th, Università degli Studi di Genova)
- Lecture on Presuppositions by Diana Mazzarella (May 29th, Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milan)
- TOPOI Conference (May 31st-June 1st, Università degli Studi di Torino)
- Symposium on “Down Girl” by Kate Manne (May 14th, Università degli Studi di Torino)
- Centre of Advanced Studies of the SouthEast Europe Summer School (June 18th-22th, University of Rijeka)
- ESSLLI Summer School (August 6th-17th, University of Sofia)

2) List of Talks (in some of the above mentioned conferences)

- “Implicit essentialization in generics” at the Workshop on Generic Generalizations, March 16th-17th 2018, Sherbrooke (Canada)
- Lecture on Generics at Prof. Giuliano Torrenco's Course in Semiotics, May 7th, Università degli Studi di Milano
- “Intentions, and What is Said” with Andrea Raimondi at the Borg/Predelli Workshop on Context Dependence, May 23rd-25th 2018, Genoa
- Discussant at the Symposium on "Down girl. The logic of misogyny" by Kate Manne, June 14th 2018, Turin
- “Understanding Catcalling” at the CAS SEE Summer School, June 18th-22th 2018, Rijeka (Croatia)

3) List of published or submitted papers

(C) Project of the dissertation

1) Short Update of the planning of your research program

The harmful features of generics

Generics are non quantified sentences that express generalizations about a kind. Many experimental studies seems to demonstrate that generics promote the essentialization of the kinds they are about. In my research, I want to address the question of what allows generics to do that. Sally Haslanger hypothesize that this feature is due to an implicature or a presupposition about nature that generics convey. This fits well with the fact that generics do not express accidental connections, as it is acknowledged in the literature.

I want to investigate more this hypothesis. In particular, I want to apply the tests for implicature and presupposition in order to determine whether generics do convey a claim about nature and which kind of content this claim is, if an implicature or a presupposition. If the tests reveal that generics convey such a claim about nature, I will explore the implication this could have in the semantics of generics. If, otherwise, it turns out that generics do not convey such an implicature or a presupposition, I will try to figure out if a different explanation of generics tendency to essentialization can be given in terms of different taxonomies of implicit content. In particular, I will rely on Saul (2002) and on Tonnhauser et al (2013).

Moreover, I will try to determine the exact content of the claim, if it is about the nature of the kind or rather about a different kind of non-accidental connection. In doing this, I plan to do a conceptual analysis of the different kinds of non-accidental connections in order to determine which one is expressed by generics.

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