Issues in Gricean and Relevance-theoretic Pragmatics

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Credits: 2
Semester: II
Reading Group (type C)

Description

The main challenge in pragmatics is how speakers fill the gap between what is said and what is communicated. Pragmatic accounts claim that communication is not simply based on coding and decoding of linguistic elements, but involves inferential processes that combine linguistic and non-linguistic (contextual) elements. Models, however, differ in how they describe the heuristics and the mechanisms that guide pragmatic inferencing. Moreover, models differ in the accounts proposed for different non-literal expressions. The aim of this reading group is to examine the relevant pragmatic models and their respective accounts of non-literal language, with special attention to metaphor and humor.

Readings


**Evaluation**

The evaluation will be based on classroom discussion.

**Calendar**

January 24, 14:15-17:15
February 4, 11-14
February 14, 14:15-17:15
February 20, 10:15-13:15

Classroom 1-16