



The Count-Mass Distinction

A Linguistic Misunderstanding

Monday, 07. May 2018

9:15 - 10:00

Registration & Welcome

Welcome address by Prof. Dr. Axel Schölmerich, Rector Ruhr-Universität Bochum

10:00 – 10:45

Alan Bale: *Number marking and the mass/count distinction*

10:45 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:45

Scott Grimm: *Determining Countability Classes*

11:45 – 12:30

Hanna de Vries, George Tsoulas, Raffaella Folli, Agata Renans, Jacopo Romoli: *'Exoskeletal iceberg semantics': a best-of-both-worlds approach to the mass/count distinction*

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30

Gennaro Chierchia: *Where do we stand with the mass and count distinction?*

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:45

Byeong-uk Yi: *Remarks on the Semantics of the Mass/Count distinction*

16:45 – 17:30

Sandeep Prasada: *The formal dimension of common sense concepts and the count-mass distinction*

17:30 – 18:15

Brendan S. Gillon: *Underspecification and the mass count distinction*



Tuesday, 08. May 2018

9:15 - 10:00

Peter Sutton, Hana Filip: *Coercion: container, contents and measure readings*

10:00 – 10:45

Christine Hnout, Lior Laks, Susan Rothstein: *Mass to count shifts in the Galilee dialect of Palestinian Arabic*

10:45 – 11:00

Coffee Break

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Francesca Franzon, Chiara Zanini, D. Addison Smith, Raffaella Bernardi, Sandro Pezzelle: *An exploration of visual cues related to countability: two computer vision experiments*

11:45 – 12:30

Tibor Kiss, F. Jeffry Pelletier, Halima Husic, Johanna Marie Poppek: *Countability and nominal ambiguity – mining polysemy in BECL*

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30

Susan Rothstein: *Counting and plurality*

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Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:45

Chiara Zanini, Giorgio Arcara, Francesca Franzon: *The role of the context in countability: a psycholinguistic approach*

16:45 – 17:30

Peter Lauwers: *Mass-like categories in lexical plurals. A gradual view on the mass/count distinction*

19:00 Conference Dinner at Yamas (Massenbergstraße 1, 44787 Bochum)



Wednesday, 09. May 2018

9:15 - 10:00

Kayron Bevilaqua, Roberta Pires de Oliveira: *What do Bare Nouns mean cross-linguistically?*
Preliminary results

10:00 – 10:45

Helen Koulidobrova: *Counting (on) Bare Nouns: Revelations from ASL*

10:45 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:45

Christopher Hicks: *Marking and acquisition of individuation: English and Mandarin compared*

11:45 – 12:30

Kurt Erbach, Peter Sutton, Hana Filip, Kathrin Byrdeck: *Object Mass Nouns as an Arbiter for the Mass/Count Category*

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30

Jenny Doetjes: *Count/mass asymmetries*

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Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:45

Myriam Dali, Eric Mathieu: *Distributed number and the mass/count distinction*

16:45 – 17:30

David Nicolas: *Mereological choices for count nouns and mass nouns*