December activities at the LLCC

## Reading Group: TRUTH & SCIENTIFIC CHANGE
*Organized by Gila Sher and Carl Posy*

**Guiding Questions and Approach:**
Starting with the ideas that (i) truth, and in particular the correspondence relation between theories and the world, might be more complex and varied than we usually take it to be (copy, isomorphism), and (ii) rather than decide in advance what the correspondence relation is, we should look and see (investigate) what it is, how it might vary from field to field, and what special issues are involved in different fields, we will ask:

1. What does the phenomenon of scientific change and the related pessimistic meta-induction teach us about correspondence truth and realism in science?
2. Does the new approach to correspondence truth indicated in (i) and (ii) above lead to a new outlook on scientific change and suggest a new solution to the problem of pessimistic meta-induction?

## Reading Group in Syntax
*Organized by Luka Crnic and Julie Goncharov*

We will explore selected topics in syntactic theory (in particular, binding theory, ellipsis, A-movement). The discussion of pre-circulated readings will be lead both by faculty members and by students. The reading group also serves as preparation for the HUJI/TAU Winter School in Syntax, which will be hosted by the LLCC.

## The Mandel Scholion Research Group "Historical Linguistics and Formal Semantics"
*Organized by Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal, Nora Boneh, Eitan Grossman, Aynat Rubinstein*

The group jointly explores in a systematic manner how studies in historical linguistics and in semantics can contribute to one another, in an attempt to draw conclusions about the properties of a variety of semantic categories (e.g. negation, temporality, modality), their universality, and the mechanisms underlying recurring shifts in meanings over time, or paths of semantic change, within these categories.

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