

The Language, Logic and Cognition Center (LLCC)
is pleased to announce a series of six lectures
to be held on **April 13, 15, 20, 21, 27, 29** at **12:30-16:00** (on the 21st at 10:30-14:00)
The meetings will take place in **room 200**,
The Australian Research and Graduate Studies Complex,
School of Education, Mount Scopus Campus

Vagueness and Trivalence in Natural Language

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Syllabus:

The course will give an introduction to recent developments in the theory of vagueness in natural language (for example, in words such as “tall”, “many”, “heap”), with special emphasis on three-valued models (supervaluationism, strong Kleene), and their use in modeling the semantics and pragmatics of vague predicates. The course will also present and discuss various experimental studies about vague predicates, including studies about categorization and threshold setting. The following is a rough outline (subject to adjustments):

1. What is Vagueness? Doing with only two values (Williamson, Pagin)
2. 3-valued models: super- and sub-valuationism and the strict-tolerant account
3. Criticisms of the strict-tolerant account and refinements (Alxatib, Pagin and Sauerland)
4. Gradability and comparatives (van Rooij, Burnett)
5. Three-valuedness, degrees and probability
6. “Many” and threshold setting

Course Credit:

Students can earn 2 credit points for participating in the series. Please register to course #36862 at the Linguistics department administrative secretary. For further questions write to lcc@mail.huji.ac.il.

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