Fall 2023

BCL, Université Côte d’Azur

**Preliminary Schedule**

**Philosophy of Language: Revisiting Event Semantics**

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Time: Tuesdays 14h-16h CET

 Discussion session: Tuesdays 16h-17h

Room: R 131, Campus St Angeli, 25 ave Mitterand

Webpage (with ZOOM link): <http://friederike-moltmann.com/teaching/new-course-hybrid-revisiting-event-semantics/>

Requirements:

* Active participation in the course
* Term paper on a topic of your choice (6-10pp)
* Take-home exam

First readings

R. Casati and Varzi: ‘Events’. *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (online)

Davidson, D. (1967): 'The Logical Form of Action Sentences'. In N. Rescher (ed.): *The Logic*

 *of Decision and Action*. Pittsburgh UP, Pittsburgh, 81–95.S

F. Moltmann: ‘Events in Contemporary Semantics’ (forthcoming)

----------------: '[Nominals and Event Structure](http://www.friederike-moltmann.com/uploads/Nominals%20and%20Event%20Structure-2016-final.docx)'. In R. Truswell (ed.).

Collections on events and event semantics

R. Truswell (ed.): *Oxford Handbook of Event Structure*. Oxford University Press, Oxford,

 2019.

S. Rothstein (ed.): *Events and Grammar*, Kluwer, 1998

R. Casati and A. Varzi (eds.): *Events*. Darthmouth Publ. Company, 1996James **Higginbotham, Fabio Pianesi, and Achille Varzi (eds.):** Speaking of Events

**Schedule:**

October 10:

Preliminaries on Events, Ontology, Syntax and Semantics

October 17:

Davidsonian Event Semantics: The Semantics of Adverbials and Its Challenges

October 24:

Events, Facts, and States

November 7:

The Ontology of Events: Classifications of Events and Event Predicates, and the Distinction between Events and Processes. Guest speaker: Riccardo Baratella (Genoa)

November 14:

Events and their Part Structure

November 21:

More on the Semantic Roles of Events. Guest speaker: Lucas Champollion (NYU)

November 28:

Events and the Mass-Count Distinction

December 5:

Events and Syntactic Structure: Complex Event Predicates

December 12:

Further Applications of Event Semantics