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Research Interests

Syntax, Semantics

Selected Publications

- 2018 ["No Commands"](#) Workshop on Non-Canonical Imperatives, Berlin, May 25-26, 2018
- 2018 ["Quexistentials I"](#) (with Kees Hengeveld and Floris Roelofsen)
- 2017 ["A modest proposal for the meaning of imperatives"](#) Ana Arregui, Marisa

David Pesetsky

Norvin Richards

Roger Schwarzschild

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Undergraduate Officer

Professors

Emeriti

Noam Chomsky

James Harris

Jay Keyser

Kenneth Wexler

In memoriam

Ken Hale

Morris Halle

Rivero, and Andrés Pablo Salanova (eds.), *Modality Across Syntactic Categories*, 288–319. Oxford University Press.

2017 “Negated Perfects and Temporal in-adverbials” (with Hedde Zeijlstra) *A Pesky Set: Papers for David Pesetsky*, eds Halpert, Kotek and van Urk

2016 “Our even” Iatridou, S. & Tatevosov, S. *Linguistics and Philosophy* (2016) 39: 295–311.
Talk delivered at Sinn und Bedeutung 19, Goettingen, Sept 15–17, 2014

2015 “A modest proposal for the meaning of imperatives” (with Kai von Stechow) to appear in the Oxford University Press book *Modality Across Categories*, Arregui, Rivero, Salanova eds.

2014 “Definiteness as Maximal Informativeness” (with Kai von Stechow and Danny Fox), *The Art and Craft of Semantics: A Festschrift for Irene Heim*, 165–174. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.

2014 “Grammar matters” to appear in *Conditionals, Probability, and Paradox: Themes from the Philosophy of Dorothy Edgington*. Lee Walters and John Hawthorne (eds), Forthcoming, Oxford University Press.

2014 “About determiners on event descriptions, about time being like space (when we talk), and about one particularly strange construction” in *Natural Language Semantics*

2013 “Looking for Free Relatives in Turkish (and the unexpected places this leads to)” proceedings of WAFSL 8, ed. by Umut Özge, published by MITWPL

2012 “Negation, polarity and deontic modals” (with Hedde Zeijlstra) to appear in *Linguistic Inquiry*.

2011 “Negative DPs, A-Movement, and Scope Diminishment” (with Ivy Sichel) *Linguistic Inquiry*, Volume 42, Number 4, Fall 2011, pp. 595–629

2009 2009 LSA Institute Class on Modals

with Kai von Fintel

- 2009 [About the Imperfective in Counterfactuals](#), handout from Yale Imperfective Workshop, April 10-11, 2009
- 2008 "[De Modo Imperativo](#)" (Lecture notes for a course on the syntax and semantics of imperatives at Ealing6, ENS, Paris)
- 2008 "[NegDPs and Scope Diminishment: Some Basic Patterns](#)" (with Ivy Sichel). To appear in the proceedings of NELS 38.
- 2007 "[Anatomy of a Modal Construction](#)" (with Kai von Fintel). *Linguistic Inquiry*, 38(3):445–483.
- 2006 "[How to Say Ought in Foreign: The Composition of Weak Necessity Modals](#)" (with Kai von Fintel). To appear in *Time and Modality*, Guéron & Lecarme (eds.), Springer
- 2005 "[Anatomy of a Modal](#)" (with Kai von Fintel). In Jon Gajewski, Valentine Hacquard, Bernard Nickel, Seth Yalcin, eds. [New Work on Modality](#). No. 52 in MIT Working Papers in Linguistics. Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT.
- 2003 "[A bit more about the English Perfect](#)" in *Perfect Explorations*, A. von Stechow et al. Eds, Mouton
- 2003 "[Epistemic Containment](#)" in *Linguistic Inquiry* 34.2 (with Kai von Fintel)
- 2002 "[Some Observations about the Form and Meaning of the Perfect](#)" in *Ken Hale: A Life in Language*, M. Kenstowicz ed. MIT Press
Reprinted in *Perfect Explorations*, A. von Stechow et al. eds (with Elena Anagnostopoulou and Roumi Izvorski)
- 2002 [Since](#) ~~Since~~ with Kai von Fintel.(2005 version)
- 2002 [If and When If-Clauses Can Restrict Quantifiers](#) with Kai von Fintel, contribution to the Workshop in Philosophy and Linguistics at the

University of Michigan, November 8—
10, 2002.

- 2000 "The Grammatical Ingredients of Counterfactuality" in *Linguistic Inquiry* 31.2
- 1998 "Pseudoclefts Crosslinguistically" in *Natural Language Semantics* 6 (with Spyridoula Varlokosta)
- 1997 "A propos pro" in *Language* 73 (with David Embick)
- 1996 "To Have and Have Not" *Proceedings of WCCFL XIV*
- 1994 "On the Meaning of Conditional then" in *Natural Language Semantics* 2
- 1994 "The relevance of the A versus A-bar distinction for heads" in *Verb Movement*, D. Lightfoot and N. Hornstein eds. Cambridge University Press (comments on the paper by Ian Roberts in the same volume)
- 1993 "Conditional Inversion" in *Proceedings of NELS 24* (with David Embick)
- 1993 "The licensing of CP-recursion and its relevance to Germanic verb-second phenomena" in *Working Papers in Scandinavian Syntax* 50 (with Tony Kroch)
- 1990 "Clitics and Island Effects" in *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics* 2
- 1990 "About Agr(P)" in *Linguistic Inquiry* 21
- 1990 "The Past, the Possible, and the Evident" in *Linguistic Inquiry* 21
- 1988/1993 "On Nominative Case Assignment and a few related things" in *MITWPL* 19
- 1988 "Clitics, Anaphors, and a problem of Coindexation" in *Linguistic Inquiry* 19
- 1986 "An Anaphor not bound in its Governing Category" in *Linguistic Inquiry* 17



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