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### ***Employment***

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September 2022 - present: post-doctoral researcher, University of Amsterdam, Institute for Logic, Language and Computation (ILLC)

Funding body: Dutch Research Council (NWO)

Project: “A Sentence Uttered Makes a World Appear---Natural Language

Interpretation as Abductive Model Generation” (PI: Reinhard Muskens)

### ***Education***

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2017-2022: University of Edinburgh (Edinburgh, United Kingdom); PhD in Linguistics

Doctoral thesis: *Distribution of Distributivity in Syntax and Discourse*

Supervisors: Wataru Uegaki (primary), Rob Truswell and Bryan Pickel

2014-2016: Sophia University (Tokyo, Japan); Master of Arts in Linguistics

2010-2014: Waseda University (Tokyo, Japan); Bachelor of Arts in Literature

### ***Research Interests***

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Formal semantics, Formal pragmatics, Syntax-semantics interface, Semantics-discourse interface, Situation/Event Semantics, Dynamic semantics

### ***Fellowships and Scholarship***

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- September 2018 - August 2021:

Japan Student Services Organisation (JASSO) Scholarship for Studying Abroad

(Postgraduate Degree)

-April 2015 - May 2016

Japan Student Services Organisation (JASSO) Type I Scholarship

- April 2014 - March 2015

Japan Student Services Organisation (JASSO) Type I Scholarship

### ***Refereed Journal Articles***

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[1] Nakamura, Takanobu (2023) “Monotonicity in a numeral classifier language” *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 8(1). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.16995/glossa.9974>

### **Conference Proceedings**

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- [1] Nakamura, Takanobu (*to appear*) “A structured witness approach to pair-list answers of *wh*-questions with plural definites” In *Proceedings of the Twentieth International Workshop of Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics*
- [2] Nakamura, Takanobu (*to appear*) “Anaphoric potential of cumulative dependencies” In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* (Vol. 28)
- [3] Nakamura, Takanobu (2024) “Partial plurality inferences of plural pronouns and dynamic pragmatic enrichment,” In *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* (Vol. 33)
- [4] Nakamura, Takanobu (2022) “Reciprocity without reciprocal pronouns” In *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* (Vol. 31)
- [5] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2021) “Situation partition and shifted evaluation of distributivity” In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* (Vol. 25)
- [6] Nakamura, Takanobu and Yushi Sugimoto. (2021) “Apparent *de re* construals of *de se* anaphor in Japanese” In, *Japanese/Korean Linguistics* (Vol. 27)
- [7] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2021) “Distribution over situations.” In, *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics* (Vol. 27.1.)
- [8] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2020) “An Alternative-based Theory of Distributivity: Non-Local Floating Quantifiers and Contextual Monotonicity.” In, *ConSOLE XXVIII Proceedings*
- [9] Wang, Ruoan and Takanobu Nakamura. (2019) “Japanese honorification as nominalization: Taking [HON] out of honorifics.” In, *ConSOLE XXVII Proceedings*.
- [10] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2018) “Predicative/Quantificational Numeral Quantifiers in Japanese.” In, *Proceedings of the 13th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics*.
- [11] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2017) “Phase, Plurality and Floating.” In, *ConSOLE XXV Proceedings*.
- [12] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2017) “Pluractionality in Japanese and Internal Arguments of Verbs.” In *Proceedings of the 19th Seoul International Conference in Generative Grammar*.
- [13] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2017) “The Semantic Ontology of Agent and Theme: A Case Study with Event Partitioning Quantifiers in Japanese.” In, *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics* (Vol. 23.1.)
- [14] Nakamura, Takanobu. (2016) “Events, Distributivity and Numerals: Evidence from Event Partitioning Quantifiers in Japanese.” In, *Proceedings of the 18th Seoul International Conference in Generative Grammar*.

### **Conference Presentations (refereed)**

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- [1] “Cumulative questions and structured witnesses,” an oral presentation at Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics (LENLS20) at Osaka University, 18-20<sup>th</sup>

November 2023.

- [2] “Negation and dependencies: a dynamic approach to dependent numerals in Turkish,” a poster presentation at Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics 17 (WAFL 17) at National University of Mongolia, 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.
- [3] “Toward a unified account of evidentially biased polar questions,” (joint work with Beste Kamali), a poster presentation at Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics 17 (WAFL 17) at National University of Mongolia, 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.
- [4] “Anaphoric potential of cumulative dependencies,” an oral presentation at Sinn und Bedeutung 28 (SuB 28) at Ruhr University Bochum, 6-8<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.
- [5] “Partial plurality anti-presupposition and local satisfaction,” a poster presentation at the 33rd Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 33) at Yale University, 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.
- [6] “On semantics of the German wh-modifying particle *alle*,” (a joint work with Katsumasa Ito and Kenta Mizutani), an oral presentation at International Semantics Conference (InSemantiC) 2022, the University of Porto, 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2022.
- [7] “On the typology of situation distributors,” (a joint work with Hiromune Oda), a poster presentation at the thematic workshop *Typological generalizations and semantic theory* in the 45th Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW 45), Queen Mary University of London, 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022
- [8] “Recognising differences,” an oral presentation at the 27<sup>th</sup> Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC 21), University of Edinburgh, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 [virtual]
- [9] “Reciprocity without reciprocal pronouns,” a poster presentation at the 31<sup>st</sup> Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 31), Brown University, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 [virtual]
- [10] “Where does the ‘self’ come from? A *de se* binding approach to *zibun* in Japanese,” (joint work with Yushi Sugimoto) a poster presentation at the 28<sup>th</sup> Japanese/Korean Linguistics (JK 28), University of Central Lancashire, 7<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. [virtual]
- [11] “Situation partition and shifted evaluation of distributivity,” an oral presentation at Sinn und Bedeutung 25 (SuB 25), University College London and Queen Mary University of London, 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. [virtual]
- [12] “Distribution over Situations,” an oral presentation at the 44<sup>th</sup> Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 44), University of Pennsylvania, 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. [cancelled due to COVID-19]
- [13] “An Alternative-based Theory of Distributivity: Non-Local Floating Quantifiers and Contextual Monotonicity,” a poster presentation at the 28<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 28), Universitat Pompeu Fabra, 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> January, 2020.
- [14] “Distributivity within Nominal Domain and Kind Partition Readings,” an oral presentation

- at Number and plurality: cross-linguistic variation in the nominal domain (NaP 2019), Georg-August Universität Göttingen, 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.
- [15] “Definiteness Theory of distributivity: Presupposed Partition under Non-local floating quantifiers,” an oral presentation at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2019), Queen Mary University of London, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.
- [16] “A Classifier-independent Count-Mass Distinction in Japanese,” an oral presentation at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Theoretical East Asian Linguistics (TEAL 12), University of Macau, 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> July, 2019
- [17] “If you float further, you are maximal and unique,” an oral presentation at the 25<sup>th</sup> Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC 19), University of Edinburgh, 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June, 2019
- [18] “Honorification-as-a-distance: A case study of Japanese nominalization” (joint work with Ruoan Wang) a poster presentation at the 27<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 27), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019
- [19] “Division of Labour between Syntax and Lexicon” an oral presentation at the 27<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 27), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2019
- [20] “Long Distance Relativisation and Phasal Transfer of KP,” (joint work with Yushi Sugimoto) a poster presentation at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2018), University of Sheffield, 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.
- [21] “Universal Monotonicity induces non-Universal Grinding,” an oral presentation at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2018), University of Sheffield, 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.
- [22] “Which did you buy, a horse or horse?,” an oral presentation at the 24<sup>th</sup> Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC 18), University of Edinburgh, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.
- [23] “Cumulative Existential Disclosure,” an oral presentation at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB 2017), University of Kent, 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.
- [24] “Pluractionality in Japanese and Internal Arguments of Verbs,” a poster presentation at the 19<sup>th</sup> Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 19), Seoul National University, 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.
- [25] “Predicative/Quantificational Numeral Quantifiers in Japanese,” a poster presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL 13), International Christian

University, 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

- [26] “Phase, Plurality and Floating,” a poster presentation at the 25<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 25), University of Leipzig, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.
- [27] “Distributivity and event partition: Evidence from Japanese and Korean,” a poster presentation at the 24<sup>th</sup> Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference (JK 24), National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics (NINJAL), 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.
- [28] “Events, Distributivity and Numerals: Evidence from Event Partitioning Quantifiers in Japanese,” an oral presentation at the 18<sup>th</sup> Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 18), Sogang University, 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.
- [29] “The Semantic Ontology of Agent and Theme: A Case Study with Event Partitioning Quantifiers in Japanese,” a poster presentation at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC 40), University of Pennsylvania, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

***Colloquium/Workshop Talks (non-refereed)***

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- [1] “A dynamic approach to pair-list answers to wh-questions with definite plurals,” a talk given at the 13<sup>th</sup> Paris-Amsterdam Logic Meetings of Young Researchers (PALLMYR 13), University College London, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
- [2] “Intra- and inter-sentential dynamics and evaluation of dependencies,” a talk given at Semantics Workshop in Tokai and Kansai, Nagoya University of Foreign Studies, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- [3] “Gappy anaphoric conditions and dynamic homogeneity,” a talk given at the International Seminar on Number Concept and Language, Waseda University, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023.
- [4] “A dynamic homogeneity approach to cumulative dependencies,” a talk given at the Meaning, Logic and Cognition Seminar (MLC), ILLC, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
- [5] “A situation-based theory of distributivity,” a talk given at Semantics Research Group, Keio University, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020.
- [6] “The count-mass distinction in Japanese and Presupposed mapping to measurement dimensions,” a talk given at LingLunch, Queen Mary University of London, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.
- [7] “What can Japanese say about the count-mass distinction? Distributivity as definiteness over mapping,” a talk given at Meaning and Grammar Research Group (MGRG), the University of Edinburgh, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.
- [8] “Lexical Count-Mass and Compositional Count-Mass in Japanese,” a talk given at English Linguistics Göttingen, Georg-August Universität Göttingen, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2019
- [9] “Predicative/Quantificational Numeral Quantifiers in Japanese,” a talk given at Semantics Research Group, Keio University, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017.

### ***Non-degree study***

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- [1] Balaton Linguistics Summer School, Lake Balaton, 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019
- [2] DGfS Xprag Summer School, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 5<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> August, 2019
- [3] Eastern Generative Grammar (EGG) 2019, Wrocław, 29<sup>th</sup> July-2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019
- [4] 30<sup>th</sup> European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI) 2018, Sofia University, 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> August, 2018
- [5] Eastern Generative Grammar (EGG) 2018, Banja Luka, 30<sup>th</sup> July-10<sup>th</sup> August, 2018
- [6] Advanced Core Training in Linguistics (ACTL) Summer School 2018, University College London, 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

### ***Teaching & Academic experience***

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- [1] ILLC, University of Amsterdam
  - examining one Msc dissertation in Formal Semantics
- [2] Tokyo Metropolitan University, the department of Language Sciences
  - *Semantics and Pragmatics* (An intensive lecture, Summer, 2022)
- [3] The University of Edinburgh, the School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences (PPLS)
  - Guest lecturer in *Current Issues in Semantics and Pragmatics* (Spring, 2019-20) [*Became an online optional discussion session due to an industrial action and COVID-19*]
  - Tutor/Teaching assistant in *Introduction to Syntax* (Fall, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21)
  - Tutor/Teaching assistant in *LEL2D: Cross Linguistic Variation: Limits and Theories* (Spring, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21)
  - Tutor/Teaching assistant in *LEL2A: Linguistic Theory and the Structure of English* (Fall, 2017-18 and 2018-19)
  - Tutor/Teaching assistant in *Logic 1* (Spring, 2017-18 and 2018-19)
  - Tutor/Teaching assistant in *LEL2E: Structure and History of European Languages* (Spring, 2017-18)
  - Writing Tutor in PPLS Writing Centre (September 2017 – September 2021)
- [4] Sophia University, Language Learning Centre (LLC)
  - English Tutor (September 2014 - March 2017)
  - Writing Tutor in English (April 2016-March 2017)

### ***Organisational work***

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- A member of the organising team of Meaning and Grammar seminar in the department of Linguistics and English Language in the University of Edinburgh (September 2019 - March 2021)

- The founder and organiser of the syntax reading group (Synergy) in the department of Linguistics and English Language in the University of Edinburgh (September 2019 - January 2021)
- A member of the organising committee (Publicity Subcommittee, Finance Subcommittee and Feedback Subcommittee) at the 25<sup>th</sup> University of Edinburgh Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC19), University of Edinburgh, June 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- LaTeX workshop (with Georges Sakr and Thomas Stephen in the University of Edinburgh) at the 25<sup>th</sup> Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC 19), the University of Edinburgh, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### ***Reviewer***

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*Cambridge University Press, Cognitive processing, Natural Language Semantics, SinFonIJA 14, Semantics and Pragmatics*

### ***Languages***

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Japanese (Native), English (Fluent), Dutch (Novice), German (Novice)