

The theory and processing of scalar inferences

description:

In this course we will discuss theoretical models and experimental studies that investigate a class of pragmatic/semantic inferences known as scalar implicatures (e.g. "some" -> "some but not all"). The course begins with an introductory overview of the Gricean work and extends to more recent accounts on scalar implicatures, which will be further discussed in light of experimental data coming from psycholinguistic studies that have been conducted in the last decade.

requirements:

There is no specific requirement for this class, but some familiarity with set theory and logical formulas is a benefit.