

## Special Session 2: Truthmaker Semantics and Situations

This special session is about situation-based semantic theories and truthmaker semantics in particular. Situations promise a more fine-grained and more adequate notion of content than possible worlds. Situations have also figured in more specific semantic analyses of various constructions or expressions, such as conditionals, adverbs of quantification, definite NPs and E-type pronouns, *case*-constructions, part-structure-related expressions, and the auxiliary system. After the development of Situation Semantics in the eighties, the situation-based semantics has experienced a recent revival in the form of truthmaker semantics as developed by Kit Fine.

The special session is preceded by a tutorial (Fine and Moltmann) consisting of a general overview of situation-related notions and situation-based semantic approaches and an outline of Fine's truthmaker semantics.

Abstracts for the special session may address the following issues:

- Linguistic applications, philosophical foundations, and formal developments of truthmaker semantics
- Situation-based semantic analyses of specific constructions
- Ontological theories of situations or related entities and their relevance for natural language semantics

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