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Education

Université Paris Diderot – Paris 7, laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle (CNRS 7110)

PhD General Linguistics (fall 2008), with honors

The semantic notion of event repetition. A study of additive and repetitive adverbs in Mandarin Chinese and Romance languages.

Advisors: Marie - Claude PARIS (Pr, Université Paris Diderot)
Lucia M. TOVENA (Pr, Université Paris Diderot)

Jury of defense: Brenda LACA (Pr, Université Paris 8), chair
Daniel HOLE (Pr, Université de Stuttgart),

Université Paris Diderot – Paris 7

MA Chinese Linguistics (spring 2005)

A semantic analysis of Mandarin scalar adverb HAI.

Advisor : Marie - Claude PARIS (Pr, Université Paris Diderot)

Università ‘Ca’ Foscari’, Venise

BA, MA Oriental languages and civilizations (spring 2004), graduated *Summa cum Laude*

Major: Mandarin Chinese, Minors: Russian, English

Summer schools - seminars

- ESSLLI 2009* *European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information*, Bordeaux, juillet 2009; semantics and logic classes.
- JSM 2008* *Journées de Sémantique et Modélisation*, Toulouse, avril 2008 – semantics classes and tutorials ;
- SCCL 2007* *Spring School of Chinese Linguistics (SCCL)* , Leiden University, spring 2007.

Awards

- (in wait) **Fellowship for international exchange**, Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo (FAPESP) – projet on Verbal and Nominal Plurality in Numberless Languages. Chair: Ana Lucia de Paula Müller, USP
- 2005 – 2008 **Research Fellowship** allocated by the Ministry of University and Scientific Research, France.
- 2002 **Exchange student**, Department of Chinese Language and Culture
Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou (PRC) – september 2002 to march 2003

Academic positions

- 2009 – 2011 **Associate Researcher**, *Structures Formelles du Langage*, CNRS UMR 7023
- Lecturer**, Department of Language Science
 Université Paris 8 – Vincennes St. Denis
- Introduction to the Study of Language*, BA
 Methodological tools for the Study of Language, BA
 Introduction to Natural Language Semantics, BA
 Aspect and Time in tenseless languages, MA/Master Program
 The expression of Time in Natural Language BA
- 2005- 2009 **Associate Researcher**, *Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle*, CNRS UMR 7110
- 2005 – 2008 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Linguistics, Université Paris Diderot
- Introduction to Linguistics: phonetics, phonology, morphology*, BA
 Formal French Syntax, BA
 Formal Semantics, MA
 Chinese Linguistics, BA-MA

Research interests

Topics of research

(Broadly)

Formal semantics, Syntax-semantics and pragmatics-semantics interface, Romance Languages, Sino-Tibetan languages (Mandarin Chinese)

(Specifically)

Syntax – semantics interface :

- Event plurality and the ontology of events (iterative constructions, distributive dependencies, verbal vs. nominal classifiers) ;
- Nominal and verbal reference in Romance and Mandarin Chinese.

Semantics – pragmatics interface :

Scalarity effects : ordered domains and information structure.

Formal models for Time and Modality in language

Collaboration to research projects

Distributive dependencies : nominal and verbal plurality. (2006-2009) Project of the Fédération ‘Typologie et Universaux du Langage’ (CNRS FR 2559). Project leaders : P. Cabredo-Hoffherr (SFL/UMR 7023) et B. Laca (SFL/ UMR 7023 & Université Paris 8).

My contribution to the project concerned the study of adverbial expressions of verbal plurality in Mandarin and Romance languages, and aimed at developing a grammar of additive adverbs in the verbal domain. The analysis focuses in particular on verbal plurality and aspect, through the study of additive and aspectual adverbs at the syntax-semantics interface.

Publications/talks: Donazzan & Tovena (2007), Tovena & Donazzan (2008), Donazzan (2008), Donazzan & Mardale (2010), Donazzan, Tovena & Schwer (to appear), Donazzan (to appear)

Doctoral thesis (co-directed) :

Leticia LEMOS GRITTI
(with R. Pires de Oliveira)

PhD Dissertation : *Semântica e pragmática dos advérbios repetitivos ‘ainda’ e ‘já’ no português brasileiro* (2009-2012)

Bare nous in Brazilian Portuguese at the syntax-semantics interface. (2008-2012) Project of cooperation between the Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle (CNRS UMR 7110) and the University of Florianopolis (Brazil), granted by the program CAPES-COFECUB.

Project leaders: C. Dobrovie-Sorin (LLF/ CNRS UMR 7110) et R. Pires de Oliveira (UFCS/ CNPQ & University of Florianópolis).

My contribution to the project focuses on the comparative analyses of bare nouns at the syntax-semantics interface in Mandarin Chinese and Romance languages (Brazilian Portuguese, Italian). Due to the systematic absence of determiners and to the presence of classifiers, Mandarin nominals are often taken as paradigmatic example for inquiries on the syntax and semantics of the NP (Chierchia 1998, 2010; Dayal 2004). I tackle the question through the analysis of adjectival and clausal noun modification (Dobrovie-Sorin & Donazzan 2010) and by considering the hypothesis of semantic incorporation of post-verbal Bare Nouns (Donazzan & Badan 2010, ms.), testing the analyses proposed for English and Romance languages (McNally 1995, Espinal & McNally 2010, Landman & Rothstein 2010) on Mandarin and other classifier languages.

Publications/talks : Donazzan & Gritti (2011), Dobrovie-Sorin & Donazzan (2010), Donazzan & Badan (2010), Donazzan & Badan (ms.)

Service to the field

Organization

CSSP 2011 Member of the organization committee (secretary) of the *Colloque de Syntaxe et sémantique de Paris*, Paris, Université Paris 8, September 2011

BareNouns Co-organizer (with C. Dobrovie-Sorin) of the international workshop *Bare Nouns and Genericity*, Paris, Université Paris 7- LLF, October 2010.

ConSOLE XVI Member of the organization committee and of the scientific committee of the 16th International Conference of Students of Linguistics in Europe (international student conference on theoretical linguistics) at the University Paris 7, January 2008

PLNV Member of the scientific committee of the International Workshop on Nominal and Verbal Plurality (*Journées d'Études sur la Pluralité Nominale et Verbale*) Paris, November 2008– November 2009.

Membership

International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL)

Spoken Languages

- **Italian** (native)
- **French** (nearly native)
- **English** (proficient)
- **Mandarin** (proficient)
- **Russian** (reading comprehension)

Ancient languages: **Latin, Ancient Greek**

Publications

Books

(to appear, 2011) *La notion de répétition d'événement. Trois études du chinois mandarin.* (Provisional title)
Paris : L'Harmattan, Collection 'Sémantiques'

Peer- reviewed publications

DONAZZAN, M. & L. BADAN (submitted) "Bare Nouns incorporation and iterative-duration phrases in Mandarin Chinese : an inquiry at the syntax-semantics interface" Ms, Université Paris 8 – Universiteit Leiden

DONAZZAN, M., S. R. SCHWER & L. M. TOVENA (2010) 'Les adverbes *zài* du chinois mandarin et *encore* dans le système temporel de Reichenbach'. *Cahiers de Linguistique – Asie Orientale*.

DONAZZAN, M. & A. MARDALE (2010) 'Additive and Aspectual Adverbs: towards an analysis of Romanian *mai*.' *Revue Roumaine de Linguistique*, (4)/2010, Tome LV, Bucuresti, Editura Academiei Române.

TOVENA, L. M. & M. DONAZZAN (2008) "On Ways of Repeating". *Recherches Linguistiques de Vincennes*, n. 37 : *Aspect et pluralité d'événements*, pp. 85-112. Paris : Presses Universitaires de Vincennes.

Conference proceedings

DONAZZAN, M. & L. L. GRITTI (to appear) "Bare Nouns, episodic events and event types: explaining perfective VPs" *Proceedings of the First Encontro Intenacional de sintaxe e semântica e suas interfaces (EISSI)*, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS), Porto Alegre, Brazil.

DONAZZAN, M. (2008) "Presupposition, times and degrees : the case of Mandarin *hái*". In *Proceedings of the 20th North American Conference of Chinese Linguistics*, pp. 597-611. Columbus (USA) : Ohio State University.

DONAZZAN, M. & L. M. TOVENA (2007) “A temporal analysis for ‘irrealis’ zài”. In *Proceedings of the 8th Workshop of Chinese Lexical Semantics*, pp. 79-85. Hong Kong : Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Conference presentations

DONAZZAN, M. & L. BADAN (2011) « Indefinite Bare Nouns in analytic languages : a case for semantic incorporation » *Third International Conference on Bare Nominals: Theory and Experiments*. Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro, 21-23 novembre 2011.

DONAZZAN, M. & L. BADAN (2011) “Types of incorporation and adverbial modification: adverbial modifiers of the NP” *14èmes Journées de Linguistique d’Asie Orientale*, Paris, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, juin 2011.

DONAZZAN, M. (2011) “Temporal and non-temporal interpretation of modals : the view from a tensless language” *Il future nelle lingue naturali*, Rome: Università di Roma Tor Vergata.

DOBROVIE-SORIN, C. & M. DONAZZAN (2010) “Nominalizers and relativization strategies: Mandarin DE” *GLOW in Asia VIII* (poster session). Beijing Language and Culture University, august 2010

DONAZZAN, M. (2010) ‘Counting eventualities with indefinite bare nouns in Mandarin Chinese.’ *Joint conference of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL 17)/ North American Conference of Chinese Linguistics (NACCL)*, Harvard University (alternate speaker)

DONAZZAN, M., S. R. SCHWER & L. M. TOVENA (2009) Une analyse sémantique de l’adverbe *encore* en français. *CHRONOS 9 International Conference on Tense, Aspect and Modality*. Paris : Université Paris 7.

DONAZZAN, M (2009) “Once more *again* : the double side of Mandarin zài.” *The 17th annual conference of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL 16)* Paris: Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales.

DONAZZAN, M., S. R. SCHWER & L. M. TOVENA (2008) “‘Le Pape est *encore* mort.’ Une analyse sémantique de l’adverbe *encore* en français”. *Journées d’Etude sur la Pluralité Nominale et Verbale*, Paris, Université Paris 8.

DONAZZAN, M. & A. MARDALE (2007a) “Towards a semantic analysis for Romanian ‘mai’”. *5th Workshop on Syntax and Semantics*, Barcelona : Univesidad Autònoma de Barcelona.

DONAZZAN, M. et A. MARDALE (2007b) “Romanian ‘mai’ as an additive particle”. *Formal Semantics in Moscow 3*, Moscou : Moscow State University.

DONAZZAN, M., S. R. SCHWER & L. M. TOVENA (2007) “Apport du treillis associé à l’interprétation d’adverbes itératifs”. *Symposium of the Association for French Language Studies*, Boulogne-sur-Mer, Université de la Côte d’Opale.

DONAZZAN, M. & L. M. TOVENA (2007) “A temporal analysis for ‘irrealis’ zài ”. *Journées de Sémantique et Modélisation 07*, Paris, Université Paris 7.

DONAZZAN, M. & L. M. TOVENA (2006) “Zài ‘encore’ and the issue of plurality in the event domain”. *Journées d’Etude sur la Pluralité Nominale et Verbale*. Paris, Université Paris 8.

DONAZZAN, M. (2005) “Additive and scalar particles : the case of Mandarin *hái*”. *International workshop on additive and scalar particles ‘Even and Friends’*, Paris : Université Paris Diderot – Paris 7

Invited talks

DONAZZAN, M. & L. BADAN (2010) “Bare Nouns incorporation and iterative-durational phrases in Mandarin Chinese : an inquiry at the syntax-semantics interface” International workshop ‘*Bare Nouns and Genericity*’, Paris, Université Paris Diderot : 7-8 novembre 2010.

DONAZZAN, M. (2010) Lectures at the Department of Linguistics, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC), Brazil.

‘*Aspectual adverbs across languages : towards a generalization*’
‘*Bare Nouns in Romance and Mandarin Chinese*’

DONAZZAN, M. (2010) ‘Verbal distributivity in Mandarin Chinese’ Department of Linguistics, Universidade de Sao Paulo (USP), Brazil.

DONAZZAN, M. (2009) On Indefinite Bare Objects in Mandarin Chinese. *Bare Nouns : their Interpretations and Syntactic Representation*. Paris: Université Paris 7.

DONAZZAN, M., S.R. SCHWER & L.M. TOVENA (2008) ‘An algebra for repetition’ Workshop *Pluralité Nominale et Verbale*, Université Paris 8 et UMR 7023, may 2008.

DONAZZAN, M. & L. M. TOVENA (2007) ‘Temporal and non temporal semantics for Mandarin *zài*’ Workshop *Temptypac (Temporalité, Typologie et Acquisition)*, Université Paris 8 et UMR 7023, january 2007.

DONAZZAN, M. (2005) “Additive and scalar particles : the case of Mandarin *hái*”. *Journée d’études internationale ‘Even and Friends’*, Université Paris Diderot – Paris 7, Paris, november 2005.

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