

Section b: Curriculum vitae

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Family name, first name: Sæbø, Kjell Johan
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EDUCATION

- 1977 Candidatus magisterii, Universitetet i Oslo (English, German, mathematics)
- 1978 Candidatus philologiae, Universitetet i Oslo (German language)
- 1986 Doctor philosophiae, Universitetet i Oslo
Thesis on the semantics of *anankastic conditionals*

CURRENT POSITIONS

- 1996 – Professor of German linguistics, Universitetet i Oslo
- 2016 – Adjunct Professor of linguistics (10%), The Arctic University of Norway

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 1989–95 Associate professor of German linguistics, Universitetet i Oslo
- 1987–88 Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter, Universität Tübingen, West Germany
- 1984 Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter, Universität Konstanz, West Germany

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2014 – Fellow, The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (DNVA)
- 2013 Fellow under the Wigeland Endowment, University of Chicago
- 2010–11 Fellow, The Centre for Advanced Study (CAS) at DNVA
- 1988–89 Postdoctoral fellow under the Program for Digital Humanities, the Research Council of Norway

SUPERVISION

- 1998 – 1 dr.philos. candidate, 4 dr.art. candidates, 2 ph.d. candidates, 1 postdoc fellow, 1 ongoing ph.d. candidate, 4 MA candidates, at the University of Oslo

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2016 – Advanced courses in semantics and pragmatics, Arctic University of Norway
- 2013 Courses at undergraduate and graduate levels in semantics and pragmatics, Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago
- 1994 – Courses at ph.d. level on linguistic theory and methodology, thesis writing, and theories of knowledge, Faculty of Humanities, University of Oslo
- 1989 – Courses at introductory and advanced levels in German and linguistics (syntax, semantics, computational linguistics and more), including cross-disciplinary courses in corpus and statistical methodology

ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- 2007 Organizer of Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 12, the 12th annual conference of the Gesellschaft für Semantik (Society of Semantics), Oslo, September 2007
- 1999 Co-organizer of the National Summer School in Dialectology and Sociolinguistics, Oslo, June 1999

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1997–99 Co-ordinator of the doctoral program in languages and linguistics at the
+ 2001 Faculty of Humanities, University of Oslo
- 1997–99 Member of the Research Committee of the Faculty of Humanities,
+ 2001 University of Oslo
- 1981–83 Member of the Education Committee of the Faculty of Humanities,
University of Oslo

REVIEWING ACTIVITIES AND COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

- 2019 – Editor, Semantics and Pragmatics (with Louise McNally)
- 2013–19 Associate Editor, Semantics and Pragmatics
- 2013 – Leibniz-Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (General Linguistics), Berlin:
Member of Scientific Advisory Board
- 2019 Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Institut für Deutsche Sprache und Linguistik:
External member of search committee for junior professorship
- 2008 – Served on doctoral and habilitation committees in Nijmegen (the Netherlands),
Paris, and Barcelona
- 2008–09 Served on the program committee of the 2009 European Summer School in Logic,
Language and Information (ESSLI) in Bordeaux
- 1996 – Reviewer for Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft and other research councils,
for Brill and other publishers, Linguistics and Philosophy and other journals,
for the Amsterdam Colloquium, Sinn und Bedeutung and other conferences
- 1989–91 Member of the steering committee for the Program for Digital Humanities,
the Research Council of Norway

MEMBERSHIPS IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

- 2016 – Member of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)

MAJOR COLLABORATIONS

- 2018 – Mentor at the Zukunftskolleg of the University of Constance, Germany
- 2015 Collaborator in the project Subjectivity in Language and Thought,
University of Chicago
- 2010–11 Collaborator in the project Meaning and Understanding across Languages at
the Centre for Advanced Study, Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters,
partners from Amsterdam, Göttingen, Paris, Stuttgart, Tübingen
- 1998–00 Collaborator in the NOS-H project Comparative semantics for Nordic languages
(NORDSEM), partners in Copenhagen, Gothenburg
- 1992–94 Collaborator in the ÉSPRIT project Dynamic interpretation of natural language
(DYANA II), partners in Amsterdam, Edinburgh, Stuttgart, Tübingen, Utrecht
- 1990–91 Collaborator in the ÉSPRIT project Dialogue and Discourse (DANDI),
partners in Copenhagen, Liège, Lugano

Appendix: Funding ID

There are currently no ongoing funded projects, nor any submitted grant proposals, in which the PI is involved.

Section c: Ten-year track record

TEN PUBLICATIONS IN LEADING JOURNALS OR CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAST DECADE

- ◇ To *finish* in German and Scandinavian: Telicity and incrementality (with Alexandra Spalek), *Journal of Semantics* 36(2) (2019), 349–375. doi.org/10.1093/jos/ffz003
- ◇ The explicative genitive and close apposition, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* online first (2018). doi.org/10.1007/s11049-018-9421-4
- ◇ How questions and the manner-method distinction, *Synthese* 193(10) (2016), 3169–3194. doi.org/10.1007/s11229-015-0924-9
- ◇ Lessons from descriptive indexicals, *Mind* 124 (2015), 1111–1161. doi.org/10.1093/mind/fzv031
- ◇ Reports of Specific Indefinites, *Journal of Semantics* 30(3) (2013), 267–314. doi.org/10.1093/jos/ffs015
- ◇ A, the, another: A game of same and different (with Atle Grønn), *Journal of Logic, Language and Information* 21(1) (2012), 75–95. doi.org/10.1007/s10849-011-9148-7
- ◇ Appositives in modal contexts. In Ingo Reich, Eva Horsch and Dennis Pauly (eds.), *Sinn und Bedeutung 15. Proceedings*. Saarbrücken: Saarland University Press 2011, 79–100.
- ◇ On the semantics of “embedded exclamatives”, *Studia Linguistica* 64(1) (2010), 116–140. doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9582.2010.01165.x
- ◇ Judgment ascriptions, *Linguistics and Philosophy* 32(4) (2009), 327–352. doi.org/10.1007/s10988-009-9063-4
- ◇ Possession and pertinence: the meaning of *have*, *Natural Language Semantics* 17(4) (2009), 369–397. doi.org/10.1007/s11050-009-9047-5

INVITED PRESENTATIONS TO INTERNATIONALLY ESTABLISHED CONFERENCES OF THE LAST DECADE

- ★ *By*: A vindication of the Anscombe thesis. *Cognitive Structures 2018: Linguistic, Philosophical, and Psychological Perspectives*. Düsseldorf, September 2018.
- ★ Lessons from descriptive indexicals. *Semantics and Philosophy in Europe 6*. St. Petersburg, June 2013.
- ★ Appositives in modal contexts. *Sinn und Bedeutung 15*. Saarbrücken, September 2010.

ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

The PI organized the 12th annual conference of the Gesellschaft für Semantik (Society of Semantics), Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 12, in Oslo, September 20–22, 2007.

What would usually be meant by a statement that somebody organized a conference is that he or she chaired the organization committee and coordinated the work. But this case was different: When Oslo was elected to host the conference, interest and expertise in semantics were still scarce, in Oslo as in linguistics departments throughout Scandinavia, and in consequence, practically sole responsibility for matters major and minor fell to the person of the PI.

As a result of this effort and efforts described below, however, the University of Oslo is today a centre of semantic scholarship in the European context and globally. The PI’s pivotal role in this process was underscored when, introducing his plenary lecture at the 15th Sinn und Bedeutung conference in 2010, the chair described him as having resurrected semantics in Scandinavia.

MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EARLY CAREERS OF EXCELLENT RESEARCHERS

For seven years in the 1990s and early 2000s, the PI coordinated the doctoral education program in languages and linguistics at the University of Oslo, from 1994 through 1996 in a four-member team, from 1997 through 1999 and again in 2001 as the person in sole charge. The contributions he made in this role gave important impulses to the later careers of many doctoral students.

In the 1990s, postgraduate education was barely institutionalized, and linguistics and language studies were fragmented and compartmentalized. One major move was to create common grounds across department boundaries, another was to introduce the postgraduates to recent developments across disciplines and sub-disciplines such as phonology, lexicography, pragmatics, dialectology and sociolinguistics, context theory, topic and focus structure, philology, case and thematic role theory. Among the excellent researchers to have benefited substantially from this are Dag T. T. Haug, now Professor of classics and linguistics at the University of Oslo, and Torgrim Solstad, now researcher at the Leibniz-Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (Centre of General Linguistics) in Berlin.

As a supervisor, the PI has laid essential groundwork for numerous academic careers:*

- ◊ Atle Grønn, dr.art. 2004, became Professor of Russian linguistics at UiO in 2014;
- ◊ Ruth Vatvedt Fjeld, dr.philos. 1998, became Professor of lexicography at UiO in 2008;
- ◊ Bergljot Behrens, dr.art. 1998, became Professor of translation studies at UiO in 2017;
- ◊ Ingebjørg Tonne, dr.art. 2001, became Professor of 2nd language acquisition at UiO in 2015;
- ◊ Eirik Welo, dr.art. 2008, served as Vice Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, UiO, 2015–2018.

Besides, three of four master's students supervised by the PI went on to win doctoral grants.†

More recently (2014–2018), the PI has been the leading figure in a research program which has recruited two PhD students and two postdoc fellows from abroad (Great Britain, Italy, Spain) and provided them with optimal conditions, in terms of supervision, mentorship and collaboration, for progress and development as researchers. The SynSem (Syntax and Semantics) program has been an interdisciplinary effort, based at the University of Oslo's Faculty of Humanities but reaching out to the university's Faculty of Sciences and bridging theoretical and computational linguistics, and within the Faculty of Humanities, the effort has spanned three departments and brought together linguists with expertise in Germanic, Romance, and Slavic languages, as well as Latin and Greek, and with differing theoretical orientations. It is a fair prediction that this environment will prove to have been highly beneficial for the careers of the junior researchers on the team.

Independently, the PI has recently played key roles in promoting the careers of four researchers who are now in their consolidating phases, acting as evaluator and/or informal supervisor/mentor:

- ◊ Toni Bassaganyas Bars (Spain), who defended his PhD thesis at Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona in 2018, came to Oslo for 3 months in 2016 to work under the PI's supervision;
- ◊ when Berit Gehrke (Germany) was conferred the *habilitation à diriger des recherches* (HDR) at the Université Paris Diderot in 2017, the PI was one of two external *pré-rapporteurs*, and he has engaged with different parts of her work both before and after;
- ◊ Sven Lauer (Germany), a postdoctoral fellow at the Zukunftscolleg, Universität Konstanz, invited the PI as a mentor for two weeks in 2018 and again in 2019, to exchange ideas and to enable his PhD students to consult with him on their projects;
- ◊ Doris Penka (Germany), also a postdoctoral fellow at the Zukunftscolleg in Constance, has had multiple extended discussions with the PI on her habilitation work.

* UiO = University of Oslo

† These are distinct from any of the scholars listed above.