

Linguistics Research Seminar Series 2008

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Linguistics seminar Room - W5C221

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What's logic got to do with it?

For over forty years, research has emphasized differences between classical logic and the logical expressions of human languages. Although there are some clear differences, recent cross-linguistic research and experimental studies of child language reveal that logic and human languages share some of the same basic resources. This talk will sketch a small portion of the relevant literature substantiating the claims that (a) human language and logic are more in alignment than has been recognized and that (b) children's early hypotheses about the meanings of logical words are consistent with classical logic.

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