

The Fourth International Conference on Formal Approaches to Meaning in Chinese (ICFAMC-4)
December 18-19, 2025
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Conference Program 會議議程

December 18, 2025 (Thursday) 2025年12月18日(星期四)

8:30-9:00am	Registration	
9:00-9:15am	Opening Ceremony 開幕式 [Venue: ELB LT4] Welcoming Speech by Professor Victor Junnan PAN, Chairperson, Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages, The Chinese University of Hong Kong 香港中文大學語言學及現代語言系潘俊楠教授致歡迎辭 Group Photo Taking 合照	
9:15-10:15am	Session 1 Keynote Speech I 主旨演講 (一) (Chair: Thomas Hun-Tak LEE) Mitigation and Strengthening in Assertion and Questions: The Management of Trustworthiness <i>Manfred KRIFKA</i>	
10:15-10:40am	Coffee Break	
	Session 2A [Venue: ELB 205] Chair: Yenan SUN	Session 2B [Venue: ELB 207] Chair: Regine LAI
10:40-11:20am	Invited Talk I 特邀演講 (一) [E] [英] Relational Nouns as Definite Singulars <i>Xuping LI and Xing LIU</i>	Invited Talk II 特邀演講 (二) [E] [英] The Influence of Information Structure and Processing Factors on Word Order and Argument Realization in Child Language <i>Jidong CHEN</i>
	Regular Presentations 分組報告 1 [E] [英] Semantics of Wh-phrases and Wh-structures 疑問詞及疑問結構的語義	Regular Presentations 分組報告 2 [E] [英] Acquisition and Processing of Semantic Knowledge 語義知識的習得與處理
11:20-11:45am	Ungrammatical or Infelicitous? Licensing Condition for Mandarin Wh-Indefinites <i>Matthew Ganquan SHI and Haihua PAN</i>	Affectedness in Mandarin <i>Bei</i> -passives in Monolingual and Bilingual Children <i>Yuxuan CHEN, Mengyao SHANG,</i> <i>and Ziyin MAI</i>

11:45am-12:10pm	Clausal Parentheticals in Chinese: The Semantics of <i>Which</i> in Code-mixing Speech <i>Tommy Tsz-Ming LEE</i>	Counterfactual Reasoning and Counterfactual Expressions in Mandarin-speaking Preschoolers <i>Xinyu SUN, Mengyao SHANG, and Ziyin MAI</i>
12:10-12:35pm	Wh-doublings in Cantonese and Their Encoding of Evidentiality and Plurality <i>Tommy Tsz-Ming LEE and Oscar Hok-yuen WONG</i>	Focus and Positioning of <i>Zài</i> -PPs in Child Mandarin: Evidence from Corpora and Prosody <i>Minming CHENG</i>
12:35-1:50pm	Lunch	
	Session 3A [Venue: ELB 205] Chair: Tommy Tsz-Ming LEE	Session 3B [Venue: ELB 207] Chair: Zhuo CHEN
1:50-2:30pm	Invited Talk III 特邀演講 (三) [E] [英] Chinese Counterfactuals in a New Key <i>Yan JIANG</i>	Invited Talk IV 特邀演講 (四) [E] [英] Negative Modals in Mandarin Chinese and Shantou Southern Min Dialect --- Scope Interpretation Vs. Morpho-Semantic Interaction in Modal Distinctions <i>Peppina Po-lun LEE and Bit-chee KWOK</i>
2:30-3:10pm	Invited Talk V 特邀演講 (五) [E] [英] Chinese Exclamative Constructions Revisited <i>Jiun-Shiung WU</i>	Invited Talk VI 特邀演講 (六) [E] [英] A Perspective-based Account of Speaker-oriented Adverbs in Mandarin <i>Shumian YE</i>
	Regular Presentations 分組報告 3 [E] [英] Semantics of Conditionals, Causality, and Exclusivity 條件句、因果與排他性的語義	Regular Presentations 分組報告 4 [E] [英] Event Semantics 事件的語義
3:10-3:35pm	Causality and Modality: A Formal Semantic Analysis of Causative <i>Zhuosi LUO</i>	Embedded Clauses and Future-shifted Readings <i>Hongyuan SUN and Hamida DEMIRDACHE</i>
3:35-4:00pm	The Semantics of <i>Zhiyou</i> - conditionals: A CT-based Account <i>Edwin Cheng-Yu TSAI</i>	Events with a Threshold: The Case of Mandarin V+ phase Complement <i>DAO</i> 'arrive/to' <i>Shiao Wei THAM</i>
4:00-4:25pm	Intervention Effects Are Not Uniform: Evidence from Exclusive Doubling in Cantonese <i>Ka-Fai YIP</i>	A Compositional Analysis of Mandarin Chinese Experiential Marker - <i>Guò</i> <i>Nan WANG, Thomas STEPHEN, and Fausto CARCASSI</i>
4:25-4:45pm	Coffee Break	
4:45-5:45pm	Session 4 Keynote Speech II 主旨演講 (二) [E] [英] [Venue: ELB LT4] (Chair: Victor Junnan PAN) Question Under Discussion in Language Comprehension <i>Ming XIANG</i>	

December 19, 2025 (Friday)

2025年12月19日(星期五)

8:30-9:00am	Registration	
	Session 5A [Venue: ELB 205] Chair: Edwin TSAI	Session 5B [Venue: ELB 207] Chair: Zhuosi LUO
9:00-9:40am	Invited Talk VII 特邀演講 (七) [E] [英] Definite Interpretations of Bare Numeral Phrases in Mandarin <i>Mingming LIU</i>	Invited Talk VIII 特邀演講 (八) [C] [中] 基於LLM的漢語反事實條件句自動推理 <i>Zhenyu CHEN</i>
	Regular Presentations 分組報告 5 [E] [英] Semantics of Quantity and Quantification 數量及量化的語義	Regular Presentations 分組報告 6 [C] [中] Semantics of Modality, Monotonicity and Negative Expressions 情態、單調性及否定的語義
9:40-10:05am	Against Three-Way Ambiguity: A Monosemous Account of <i>Henduo</i> <i>Yuli FENG and Lei CHU</i>	單調還是否定：「都」「也」極項句 的允准本質 <i>Changwei NIU</i>
10:05-10:30am	Paucal Operators in Mandarin: Numeral-Bound ' <i>Ji</i> ' vs. Nominally-Anchored ' <i>Xie</i> ' <i>Jin LU</i>	基於語境信息視角的客觀認識情態語義分析 <i>Kai DONG</i>
10:30-10:55am	Revisiting Existential and Scalar Presuppositions: Insights from Two <i>EVENs</i> in Mandarin Chinese <i>Lei CHU</i>	Pretense, Falsity and Negation <i>Dingfan LIN</i>
10:55-11:15am	Coffee Break	
	Session 6A [Venue: ELB 205] Chair: Xuping LI	Session 6B [Venue: ELB 207] Chair: Dun DENG
11:15-11:55am	Invited Talk IX 特邀演講 (九) [E] [英] <i>Jianzhi</i> and Extremeness in Mandarin Chinese -- A Degree Semantic Analysis <i>Yingying WANG and Tiantian WANG</i>	Invited Talk X 特邀演講 (十) [C] [中] 我們賴以生存的語意——以楊絳《喜劇兩種》 一九八二年版後記為例 <i>Jianhua HU</i>
	Regular Presentations 分組報告 7 [E] [英] Semantics of Nominal Phrases and Connectives 名詞短語與連詞的語義	Regular Presentations 分組報告 8 [C] [中] Semantics of Degree and Quantification 程度與量化的語義
11:55am-12:20pm	On Semantic Licensing Conditions of Pre-Classifier Modification and Related Problems <i>Qi HAO</i>	定比測量與定序測量——談「整整」 與「足足」的測量差異 <i>Jiaming SUN</i>

12:20-12:45pm	<p>Parentheses as Prominence Operators: Ascending–Descending Effects with <i>Or</i> as a Case Study <i>Jialiang YAN</i></p>	<p>Towards a Unified Analysis of Mandarin <i>Hái</i> : Evidence from Comparative Constructions <i>Yuting WENG</i></p>
12:45-2:00pm	Lunch	
	<p>Session 7A [Venue: ELB 205] Chair: Shiao Wei THAM</p>	<p>Session 7B [Venue: ELB 207] Chair: Yingying WANG</p>
2:00-2:40pm	<p>Invited Talk XI 特邀演講 (十一) [E] [英] Can Face Emojis Target Presuppositions? <i>Yuan SHEN</i></p>	<p>Invited Talk XII 特邀演講 (十二) [C] [中] 焦點對「都」「只」句排他性語義表達 的不同作用 [C] [中] <i>Zanhui HUANG</i></p>
2:40-3:20pm	<p>Invited Talk XIII 特邀演講 (十三) [E] [英] Contrastive Particles: Resolving QUDs vs. Managing Common Ground <i>Linmin ZHANG</i></p>	<p>Invited Talk XIV 特邀演講 (十四) [E] [英] How many <i>BA</i>s are there in Mandarin? -- One <i>BA</i> to Rule Them All <i>Beibei XU and Xiaoshi HU</i></p>
	<p>Regular Presentations 分組報告 9 [E] [英] Semantics-Pragmatics Interface 語義與語用介面研究</p>	<p>Regular Presentations 分組報告 10 [E] [英] Semantics of Information Structure (Topic/Focus) 信息結構 (主題/焦點) 的語義</p>
3:20-3:45pm	<p>Fragment Questions in Mandarin Chinese <i>Rong HE and Mingming LIU</i></p>	<p>The Telicity Constraint in Mandarin <i>Shi-de</i> Clefts: A Reassessment <i>Xue XIA</i></p>
3:45-4:10pm	<p>The Attitude Meaning of the Mandarin Repetition Adverb <i>Chóngxīn</i> 'again' <i>Changxin KE</i></p>	<p>Bare SELF <i>Kozen</i> as Verum Operator in Huarong Sinitic: Type-shifting and Pragmatic Reasoning <i>Penghui XIANG</i></p>
4:10-4:30pm	Coffee Break	
4:30-5:30pm	<p>Session 8 Keynote Speech III 主旨演講 (三) [E] [英] [Venue: ELB LT4] (Chair: Yan JIANG) Demonstratives, Definites, Bare Nouns: What Competes with What <i>Veneeta DAYAL</i></p>	
5:30-5:45pm	Closing Ceremony	