

Paper 2, Structures and Meanings, 2010/11

Lent Term: Meanings

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- Lecture 5 Sentence meaning and truth
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- Lecture 7 Utterance meaning and speaker's intentions
- Lecture 8 Beliefs, language, and composition of meaning

Reading List

For terminology and brief introductions to theories see *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, 2006, 2nd edition, ed. K. Brown, Oxford: Elsevier. Available online on:
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