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### EDUCATION

- 1987-1991     Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.  
PhD. in Linguistics, minors in Logic and Phonetics.
- 1985-87        Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.  
M.A. in Linguistics.
- 1984-85        Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India.  
Enrolled in the Masters' program in Materials Science (not completed)
- 1980-84        Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India.  
Bachelor of Technology in Mechanical Engineering.

### POSITIONS HELD

- 2004-present   Research Professor, (Programa Ramon y Cajal, Ministry of Education of Spain) Universidad del País Vasco, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain.
- 2003-2004     Visiting Scholar, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
- 2002-2003     Visiting Professor, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
- 2001-2002     Visiting Professor, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 1992- 2001     Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics,  
University of California, Irvine.
- 1991-1992     Lecturer, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

- 1992 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Linguistics  
University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut.
- 9/89-12/89 Teaching Assistant, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- 8/85-6/86 Teaching Assistant, Program in Linguistic Studies  
Department of Foreign Languages and Literature  
Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.

## **AWARDS**

- 2004-2009 Research Fellowship, Ramon y Cajal Program, Ministry of Education,  
Government of Spain.
- 1987-1991 Doctoral Fellowship, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- 1986-1987 Syracuse University Open Fellowship.

## **PROJECTS AND GRANTS**

- 1989 National Science Foundation Grant to organize a workshop on Control  
Theory (jointly authored with James Higginbotham, Sabine Iatridou,  
Richard Larson).
- 1989 Summer Research grant for a project on the phonetics of voiced aspiration  
Supervised by Prof. K. Stevens  
Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- 1989 Summer Project to design a system to teach native speakers of Japanese  
the *l-r* contrast  
Supervised by Sharon Manuel and Prof. Kenneth Stevens  
Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- 1986 Summer Research Grant for young scholars for a project on the phonetics  
and phonology of Punjabi tone  
Supervised by Prof. Tej K. Bhatia  
Program in Linguistic Studies  
Department of Foreign Languages and Literature  
Syracuse University.

## PARTICIPATION IN PROJECTS

- 2002-05      The Architecture of Language: The Multidirectional Structure of Linguistic Interfaces  
Principal Investigator: Myriam Uribe-Etxebarria  
Funding Provided by the Ministry of Science and Technology/ FEDER, Spain. (MCYT/FEDER; BFF2002-04238-C02-01)
- 2005-07      General Funding for Groups  
PI: Myriam Uribe-Etxebarria  
Funding provided by the University of the Basque Country. (9/UPV 001144-13016009/2004)
- 2008-10      Licensing Conditions at the Interfaces  
Principal Investigator: Myriam Uribe-Etxebarria  
Funding Provided by the Basque Government (GIC07/144 -IT-210-07)

## DISSERTATION

(1) *On Embedded Interrogatives and Predicates that Embed them*, Doctoral dissertation, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1991. Distributed by the *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics (MITWPL)*.

(No. of Google Scholar citations: 104)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

(1) *Control and Grammar*, ed. (jointly with James Higginbotham, Sabine Iatridou and Richard Larson), Kluwer Publishing Company, Amsterdam. (1992)

(2) *Proceedings of SALT III*, ed. (jointly with A. Wyner), Cornell Working papers in Linguistics. (1994)

(3) *Questions and Answers in Embedded Contexts*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK. (2002) (No. of Google Scholar citations: 83)

[Endorsement: ‘The study of questions is, I believe, one of the clearest success stories of modern linguistics: over the past quarter of a century, fundamental syntactic and semantic patterns have been identified and understood. This book is a new stepping stone in the process. Moving from a specific phenomenon, the effect of quantificational adverbs on embedded interrogatives, it arrives at a general theory of embedded questions of striking depth and breadth. Along the way, it provides a critical overview of current results and open problems, which offers a wonderful road map to guide the reader through the modern literature on the topic. Lahiri’s book strikes an exemplary balance between formal explicitness and attention to substantive empirical issues. It is a challenging, rich and insightful piece of work.’ – Gennaro Chierchia, Harvard University.]

### Articles (in peer reviewed journals)

- (1) "A Generativist Critique of Panini's Phonological Principles", in *Papers from the thirteenth Conference of Indian Linguistics*, *Indian Linguistics* 13:61-70, Pune, India. (1986)
- (2) "Focus and Negative Polarity in Hindi", *Natural Language Semantics* 6:57-123, Kluwer. (1998) (No. of Google Scholar citations: 200)
- (3) "Lexical Selection and Quantificational Variability in Embedded Interrogatives", *Linguistics and Philosophy* 23:325-89. (2000) (No. of Google Scholar citations: 28)
- (4) "On the Proper Treatment of "expletive *wh*" in Hindi, *Lingua* 112:501-540. (2002) (No. of Google Scholar citations: 30)
- (5) "The Semantics and Pragmatics of some Scalar Expressions in Spanish". *Anuario de Filología Vasca "Julio de Urquijo" – International Journal of Basque Linguistics and Philology* XLII-2, EHU-U. of the Basque Country and the Diputación Foral de Guipúzcoa, San Sebastian. (2008).
- (6) "Positive and negative *evens* in Greek: a reply to Giannakidou", submitted to *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*.
- (7) "Binding Theory, Reconstruction and NPI-licensing under Scrambling in Hindi", submitted to *Linguistic Inquiry* (revise and resubmit, under revision).
- (8) "Some *evens* are "even (if) ... only": the concessive "even" in Spanish", submitted to *Natural Language Semantics*.

### Articles (peer reviewed book chapters)

- (1) "Even-Incorporated NPIs in Hindi Definites and Correlatives", in J. Hoeksema et al., *Perspectives on Negation and Polarity* John Benjamins Publishers. (2001)
- (2) "Questions, Answers and Selection", in Gutierrez-Rexach, J. (ed.), *Semantics: Critical Concepts in Linguistics*, Routledge, New York, USA. (2003)  
[Excerpt from book description: "This book brings together the most important contributions to semantic theory ranging from Gottlob Frege's 1892 essay "On Sense and Reference" to recent cutting edge scholarship from leading journals in the field."]

### Articles (conference proceedings of peer reviewed conferences)

(1) "The Semantics of Questions and the Quantificational Variability Effect", in Tomioka et al. (eds.) *Proceedings of the first Conference of the Formal Linguistic Society of Mid-America*, University of Wisconsin at Madison. (1991)

(2) "Questions, Answers and Selection", in Sherer, T. (ed.), *Proceedings of NELS 21*, Graduate Linguistics Students Association, University of Massachusetts at Amherst. (1991)

(3) "Negative Polarity in Hindi", in Simons, M. and T. Galloway (eds.), *SALT V: Proceedings from Semantics and Linguistic Theory V*, Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics, Cornell University, Ithaca New York.

(No. of Google Scholar citations: 16)

(4) "The Syntax and Semantics of Indefinite+*bhii* phrases in Hindi", in Camacho. J. (et al., ed.), *Proceedings of WCCFL 14*, Chicago University Press.

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS AND TALKS**

### **Conference Presentations**

(1) "On Iroquoian Accent", New York State Conference in Linguistics (NYSCOL), Syracuse (1986).

(2) "The History of Ergativity in New Indo-Aryan (NIA)", Linguistic Society of America Meeting, New York (1986).

(3) "The Semantics of Questions and the QVE", the first meeting of the Formal Linguistics Society of Mid-America", Madison (1990).

(4) "Questions, Answers and Selection", North Eastern Linguistics Society Meeting, Montreal (1990).

(5) "Predicates of Surprise and the Semantics of Embedded Interrogatives", Semantics And Linguistic Theory I, Cornell University (1991).

(6) Comments on papers by Myung-Kwan Park and Yookyung Kim, the Fifth Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference, University of California at Los Angeles (1994).

(7) "Negative Polarity Items in Hindi", Semantics and Linguistic Theory V, University of Texas at Austin (1995).

(8) "Negative Polarity in South Asia", WCCFL 14, University of Southern California (1995).

(9) "*Even*-Incorporated NPIs in Hindi", Conference on Perspectives in Negation, Groningen, the Netherlands (1996).

(10) Comments on Pietroski, invited comments at the Workshop on Events, University of Southern California (2003).

(11) "*Even*, Polarity and the Syntax-Semantics Interface", invited talk, Workshop on Issues at the Interface, University of Leiden, Netherlands (December 2005).

(12) "The Scope of *Even* Revisited", invited plenary speaker, *CONSOLE XIV*, University of the Basque Country, Vitoria-Gasteiz (December 2005).

[Note: *CONSOLE* is a highly competitive European conference for work presented by graduate students, held annually.]

(13) "Scope, Presuppositions and Dimensions of Meaning: Some observations on Scalar Particles in English and Spanish", invited plenary speaker, *Sinn Und Bedeutung 11*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain (2006)

[Note: *Sinn Und Bedeutung* is the most prestigious and competitive conference specializing in the formal semantics of natural language in Europe, held annually.]

### **Invited Talks**

(1) "The Semantics of Embedded Interrogatives", invited talk, McGill University, Montreal, Canada (1991).

(2) "The Semantics of Embedded Interrogatives", invited talk, University of California at Los Angeles (1991).

(3) "Interpreting Embedded Interrogatives", invited talk, University of California at Irvine. (1992).

(4) "Interpreting Embedded Interrogatives", invited talk, University of Connecticut at Storrs (1992).

(5) "Negative Polarity Items in the Context of Interrogatives", invited talk, University of Southern California, Los Angeles (1994).

(6) "Focus and Negative Polarity in Hindi", Ling-Lunch Departmental Colloquium, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1995).

(7) "Focus and Negative Polarity in Hindi", invited talk, University of California at Los Angeles (1996).

(8) "Some Semantic Properties of the so-called "expletive wh" construction in Hindi", invited talk, University of Southern California (1999).

(9) "Some Embedded Interrogatives as (almost) Definite Descriptions", Ling-Lunch Departmental Colloquium, Massachusetts Institute Technology (2001).

- (10) "The Semantics of Interrogative Complements – a synthesis", invited talk, University of Ottawa (2002).
- (11) "Maximality in Wh-Constructions: The Case of Interrogative and Exclamative Complements", invited talk, University of Southern California (2003).
- (12) "Maximality in Wh-Constructions: The Case of Interrogative and Exclamative Complements", invited talk, University of British Columbia (2004).
- (13) "*Even*, Polarity and the Syntax-Semantics Interface", invited talk, University of Connecticut at Storrs (February 2005).
- (14) "*Even*, Polarity and the Syntax-Semantics Interface", invited talk, University of the Basque Country, LEHIA/HiTT (March 2005).
- (15) "Scalar Additive Particles Crosslinguistically", invited talk, Rutgers University (January 2006)
- (16) "Scope and Presuppositions: Scalar Additive Particles in English and Spanish", invited talk, Michigan State University, East Lansing (2006)
- (17) "Scope, Presuppositions and Scalar Particles: Concessive and Negative Scalar Particles in Spanish", invited talk, GK-Colloquium, University of Frankfurt. (January 2009)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 1993            Organized, with Robert May, the third Conference on Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT III)
- 1989            Organized, with James Higginbotham, Sabine Iatridou and Richard Larson, workshop on Control Theory.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Formal Semantics and Pragmatics of Natural Language  
 Natural Language Syntax  
 Mathematical Linguistics  
 Syntax-semantics Interface, Semantics-Pragmatics Interface  
 Logic  
 Philosophy of Language  
 Syntax and semantics of South Asian languages, Romance languages, Germanic  
 Phonetics and Phonology of South Asian languages  
 Language areas of interest: Romance (Spanish, Italian), Indic (Hindi, Bangla, Sanskrit),  
 Germanic (English), Modern Greek

## **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

Hindi, Bangla (native)  
English (near native)  
Punjabi (good comprehension)  
Spanish (excellent reading and writing skills, good speaking skills)  
Sanskrit (reading skills)

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### At University of California-Irvine:

Introduction to Linguistics (undergraduate)  
Introduction to Phonology (undergraduate)  
Introduction to Semantics (undergraduate)  
Grammatical Theory (undergraduate)  
Semantics I (undergraduate and graduate)  
Semantics II (graduate)  
Formal Foundations in Linguistics (undergraduate and graduate)  
Semantics Seminars (graduate)  
    Quantification  
    The Semantics of Interrogatives  
    The Syntax and Semantics of Negative Polarity  
    The Semantics of Plural Expressions  
    The Semantics of Scope Marking

### At University of Connecticut-Storrs:

Introduction to Semantics (graduate)

### At Massachusetts Institute of Technology:

Introduction to Linguistics (undergraduate)  
Language and its Structure III: Semantics and Pragmatics (undergraduate)  
Formal Foundations of Linguistics (graduate)  
Topics in Semantics: Negation and Polarity (graduate; co-taught with I. Heim)

### At University of Southern California:

Introduction to Syntax and Semantics (undergraduate)  
Seminar in Syntax (Intervention Effects in Grammar)  
Seminar in Semantics (graduate; co-taught in Spring 2003 with J. Higginbotham)  
Logic and the Theory of Meaning (graduate, Spring 2003)

### At University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU):

Topics in the Semantics of Nondeclaratives (February/March 2005)

Recent Trends in Semantics (February/March 2006)  
Recent Trends in Pragmatics (Spring 2007, 2008)

## **STUDENTS ADVISED**

### Independent Study (graduate, UCI):

Selene Tsoi; Hajime Ikawa; Francesca del Gobbo; Jaeshil Kim; Di Wu; Tzong-Hong (Jonah) Lin

### Independent Study (graduate, USC):

Isabelle Roy

### Independent Study (graduate, UPV):

Maia Duguine

### Generals Papers Committee (graduate, UCI):

Anthony Crider; Francesca del Gobbo; Jaeshil Kim

### Committee for Advancement to Candidacy (graduate, UCI):

Yuji Takano; Hajime Ikawa; SzeWing Tang; Xiaoguang Li; Cheng-Sheng Liu; Kazue Takeda; Toru Ishii; Anthony Crider; Brian Agbayani; Naomi Harada; Tzong-Hong (Jonah) Lin; Francesca del Gobbo

### Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member (UCI):

Xiaoguang Li (1997)  
Cheng-Sheng Liu (1999)  
Kazue Takeda (1999)  
Tzong-Hong Lin (2001)  
Francesca del Gobbo (2003)

### Ph. D. Dissertation Committee Member (MIT):

Elena Guerzoni (2003)

### Ph. D. Dissertation Examination Committee Member (UPV/EHU):

Urtzi Etxebarria (UPV, 2005)  
Elena Castroviejo Miró (University of Barcelona, 2006)

## **SERVICE**

### **General**

Editorial Board Member of journals:

Semantics and Pragmatics (e-journal, open access journal supported by the Linguistic Society of America, 2008-present).

IBERIA: An International Journal of Theoretical Linguistics (e-journal, supported

by the University of Seville Philology Faculty and 'Centro de Estudos Humanísticos da Universidade do Minho' (CEHUM), 2009-present).

Scientific Committee member of Conferences:

CONSOLE XIV (Vitoria-Gasteiz, 2005)

Reviewer for peer-reviewed journals:

Linguistic Inquiry  
Natural Language and Linguistic Theory  
Natural Language Semantics  
Linguistics and Philosophy  
Journal of Semantics  
Syntax  
Language  
Journal of South Asian Linguistics

Reviewer for book proposals for:

Cambridge University Press  
Bedford/St. Martin's Press  
Oxford University Press

Reviewer of abstracts for conferences:

Semantics and Linguistic Theory  
North Eastern Linguistic Society  
Formal Linguistic Society of Mid-America  
5th Japanese-Korean Linguistics Conference  
West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics  
Student Conference in Linguistics.  
Sinn und Bedeutung  
CONSOLE

Reviewer of Project Proposals for

National Science Foundation (NSF, U.S.A.)

Session Chair at Conferences:

Control Workshop, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
5th Japanese-Korean Linguistics Conference  
Linguistic Society of America  
Sinn Und Bedeutung  
Colloquium of Generative Grammar

**Service (University of California-Irvine):**

1993-1995 Colloquium Coordinator, Department of Linguistics

1992- 2001 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Linguistics  
1996-97 Member, Search Committee, joint position in Cog Sci and Linguistics  
1997-1998 Colloquium Coordinator, Department of Linguistics  
1998-1999 Coordinator of the Workshop in Theoretical East Asian Linguistics  
Summer 1998, 1999  
Acting Chair, Department of Linguistics  
2000-2001 Acting Graduate Director, Department of Linguistics

### **SUGGESTED REFERENCES**

Prof. James Higginbotham (University of Southern California)  
Prof. Irene Heim (MIT)  
Prof. Gennaro Chierchia (Harvard University)  
Prof. Veneeta Dayal (Rutgers University)  
Prof. Barry Schein (University of Southern California)