Introduction to Pragmatics
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Abstract
This course introduces the fundamentals of pragmatics along with some formalisms used to analyze them. We will consider some traditional topics — presupposition, conversational implicature, expressive content —and some less traditional ones involving social meaning (possibilities: politeness and honorification, socially relevant language, norm-based inference in context, ...). The course will not assume any background; necessary mathematical concepts will be introduced along with the empirical phenomena.