

Course description for the PhD course, “Analyzing the language of truth and deception”, 7.5 ECTS credits, 2026

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L = lecture; La = laboration; S = seminar

Lecture	Date / Time	Instructors	Description	Literature
L1	Tue 13/1 13–16	JU MKT	Introduction, part 1 Philosophy of language on lies, and assertion Philosophy on truth	Saul, J. 2015 Glanzberg 2008, [2018]; Austin 1950; Strawson 1950.
L2	Wed 14/1, 09–12	MKT/HB JU	Introduction, part 2 Cross-linguistic, inter-cultural and pragmatic perspectives on truth, lies, and knowledge Experimental and cognitive-scientific perspectives on pragmatics	Wierzbicka 1997 (chapter 1), Nishimura (chap. 44) in Meibauer 2018, Danziger 2010, Grice 1975, Hamilton & Mineo 1998, Stivers et al. (2018), Sweetser 1987, Erut (forthc.) Bašnáková et al. 2014, Scott-Phillips. 2015, Wilson & Sperber, 2004
L3	Tue 27/1 13–16	MKT	Lexical typology: words for ‘lies’, ‘truth’, and related concepts, in various languages and cultural models/scripts	Coleman & Kay 1981, Cole 1996, Chen et al. 2013, Danziger 2010, Erut et al. 2023, Hardin 2010, Kwiatkowska 2015, Sweetser 1987, Wierzbicka 2002
L4	Wed 28/1 09–12	HB/MKT	Grammatical typology: how words for ‘truth’ and ‘lies’ acquire grammatical uses, how grammar is used to qualify utterances with respect to the distribution of knowledge between the speech participants and to negotiate between truth and lying.	Heritage 2012, Hyland 2005, Mushin 2013, McGregor 2024, Apresjan 2010, González 2015, Orr et al. 2017
L5	Wed 28/1 13–15	CSB	Discourse linguistic tools for analyzing truth, lies, and deception: key words, metaphors, discourse positions, frames, intertextuality	Spitzmüller & Warnke 2011, Reisigi 2021
La1	Mo 8/2 13–15	JU	Lab 1. Behavioural experiment. The students participate in a behavioural experiment on pragmatic ability. Visit to SUBIC.	Holler et al. 2019 Clark & Murphy, 1983 Hellbernd & Sammler, 2019

La2	Tue 9/2 10–12	JU	Lab 2. The students analyze their own data form the behavioural experiment in La 1. Discussion of experiments regarding the effect of language on thought. The lab is examined by a report on the analysis, including a critique on experimental design from the point of view of theory.	Rubio-Fernández, P. 2017 Lupyan, G. et al. 2020
S1	Mo 2/3 13–16	MKT/HB	Cross-linguistic and inter-cultural perspectives: application and practice	Grzech et al. 2020.
		JU	Psychological perspectives on bullshit	Pennycook et al. 2015
S2	Tue 3/3 09–12	CSB	Critical discourse analysis: application and practice	Boréus & Seiler Brylla 2024
S3	Tue 3/3 13–16	MKT/HB	Presentations	

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