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1 The Workshop

This year's workshop was the twelfth LENLS and was held at the Hiyoshi campus of Keio University in Kawasaki in November of 2015 as part of the JSAI International Symposia on AI program of the Japanese Society for Artificial Intelligence. The workshop featured invited talks by Nicholas Asher, on the analysis of conversation via a special kind of repeated game, Robert Henderson, on the semantics of mimetics, Magdalena Kaufmann, on free choice, Stefan Kaufmann, on probabilistic approaches to the semantics of conditionals, and Tomohiro Sakai, on reference. Papers based on the talks by Stefan Kaufmann and Tomohiro Sakai appear in the present volume. In addition, 21 papers were selected by the program committee (see Acknowledgements) from the submitted abstracts for presentation and as alternates.

As always with the LENLS workshops, the content of the presented papers was rich and varied. This year's theme featured talks on a wide range of topics, including discourse particles, disjunction, truth, copredication, expressive content, categorial grammar, dependent type semantics, sequent calculus, and various aspects of formal pragmatics. In addition, the first day of the workshop included a workshop on politeness with invited talks by Eric McCready, on honorification, and Daisuke Bekki, on the composition of expressive content in dependent type semantics. As the reader will notice, the range of topics addressed by the contributed papers is very wide. As a result, the workshop was very stimulating; the participants, with their different perspectives, gave useful and interesting comments on each paper. From the perspective of the organizers at least, the result was very successful. We hope (and believe) that the other participants shared this impression. The papers in the present volume represent a selection of the papers presented at the workshop and give a sense (we think) of the breadth of the content presented there.

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