Report for Particle Research Group Meeting, 6/12

Date/Time: 12 June 2016 (Sun.) 13:30 - 18:30

Venue: Room 302, ILCAA

Language: English

13:30-18:30

Eric McREADY (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Aoyama Gakuin University) Opening talk

Kiyoko TAKAHASHI (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Kanda University of International Studies) "A literature review on Thai pragmatic particles"

Lukas RIESER (Graduate school of Letters, Kyoto University)
"A semantic analysis of German ja and doch"

Christopher DAVIS (ILCAA Joint Researcher, University of the Ryukyus) "Semantics of evidentiality in Ryukyuan"

Following the opening talk, there were three talks.

First, Kiyoko Takahashi presented "A literature review on Thai pragmatic particles", which summarized a substantial amount of the existing literature devoted to the analysis of Thai pragmatic particles, mostly from an informal perspective. This talk led to a lively discussion of Thai particles, their classification, and of related items in other languages.

The second talk was by Lukas Rieser on "A semantic analysis of German ja and doch". After presenting data related to the kind of semantic analysis that should be given of these German particles, the talk moved on to a formal analysis set within a dynamic semantics for conversation. This analysis brought out a new kind of relationship between these particles and a new analysis building on previous literature related to German and Japanese.

The final talk was by Christopher Davis on "Semantics of evidentiality in Ryukyuan"; the talk provided data related to Ryukyuan evidentiality and a formal analysis of it in a tense-based framework.