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## Report on 5th meeting of ILCAA Joint Research Project Semantics of Discourse Particles in East and Southeast Asian Languages

Date/Time: 3 December 2016 (Sat.) 13:30–18:00

Venue: Room 302, ILCAA

Language: English

### Talks:

1. Eric McCREADY (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Aoyama Gakuin University) "Toward a Formal Analysis of Some Thai Particles"
2. Satomi ITO (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Ochanomizu University) "Chinese particle questions and their answerhood"
3. Hiroki NOMOTO (ILCAA Joint Researcher, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies) and Asako SHIOHARA (ILCAA) "An Analysis of the Malay/Indonesian Particle "YA""

The first talk was by Eric McCready. It reviewed two formal analyses of the Japanese particle "yo", those of McCready and Davis, and proposed a new view of the particle and its intonational variations in formal semantics. The components of this analysis were then applied to the Japanese particle "ne" and the Thai particle "na" and its intonational variants. The second talk was by Satomi Ito, who considered two kinds of questions in Mandarin, those with and those without question particles, showed the kinds of felicitous possible answers to them, and proposed a formal semantic analysis. The final talk was by Hiroki Nomoto, reporting on joint work with Asako Shiohara on the particle "ya" in Malay and Indonesian. This particle was shown to have a wide range of uses with varying degrees of complexity, and steps were taken toward a formal analysis of them.