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## Education

- 2017– **PhD in Linguistics**  
Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut, USA.  
Dissertation title: Varieties of Conditionals as Definite Descriptions
- 2015–2017 **MA in Linguistics**  
Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan.
- 2011–2014 **BA (Major: International Relations; Minor: Japanese)**  
The Australian National University, Canberra, ACT, Australia.
- 2013 **Exchange student** ('Semester in Japan' program, Japan Centre, ANU)  
Kanazawa University, Ishikawa, Japan.

## Publications

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2022 "Iffy discourse: Japanese *moshi* in conditionals and nominal topics". *Linguistics Vanguard*, 8(s4), Special Issue (Natural Language Conditionals and Conditional Reasoning).

### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2022 **Muyi Yang**, "Singularity and plurality of discourse reference to worlds." In *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 32, 1–21.
- 2022 **Muyi Yang**, "The closeness constraint on focus association and the syntax of Q-particles." In *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, 7(1), 5291.
- 2021 **Muyi Yang**, "Sensitive to future: the case of Japanese *nara*-conditionals." In *Proceedings of Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics (LENLS)* 18, 119–132.
- 2021 **Muyi Yang**, "Disambiguating two conditional construals: Evidence from the optionality of *if*." In Patrick Grosz, Luisa Martí, Hazel Pearson, Yasutada Sudo and Sarah Zobel (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB)* 25, 891–907.
- 2019 **Muyi Yang** and Teruyuki Mizuno, "On the discourse dynamics of Exceptional *what*-Questions." In *Proceedings of The 12th Generative Linguistics in the Old World in Asia (GLOW in Asia) and the 21st Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG)*, 245–264.
- 2019 **Muyi Yang**, "Causal networks in discourse: A case of Mandarin negative conditionals." In Maggie Baird and Jonathan Pesetsky (eds.), *Proceedings of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS)* 49, 305–317. Amherst, MA: GLSA.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 **Muyi Yang**, “Distributivity and collectivity in the world domain: Evidence from Japanese modality.” In *Pre-proceedings of the 161th Meeting of the Linguistic Society of Japan*, 216–222.
- 2018 **Muyi Yang**, “Possessor raising in Mandarin unaccusatives.” In *Pre-proceedings of the 156th Meeting of the Linguistic Society of Japan*, 193–198.
- 2016 **Muyi Yang**, “Wonder is NOT *want to know*: Question-taking embedded verbs revisited.” In *Pre-proceedings of the 153rd Meeting of the Linguistic Society of Japan*, 194–199. (In Japanese) [“Wonder is NOT *want to know*: 埋め込み疑問節を取る動詞の再考” 日本語学会第 153 回大会予稿集.]

## UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

- 2022 “Causality and prevention in counterfactuals”.
- 2021 “A phase-based analysis of Sinhala Q-particle: New evidence from focus and verbal morphology”. Second generals paper, University of Connecticut.

## Presentations

### INVITED TALKS

- 2022 **Yang, Muyi**, “Singularity and plurality of discourse reference to worlds”. Talk at Language and Logic Forum: Conditionals in Chinese: Conditionals revisited [2022 年 语言与逻辑研讨会 (汉语中的条件句再探)], Beijing Normal University, online, July 2–3, 2022.
- 2021 **Muyi Yang**, “Sensitive to future: the discourse dynamics of Japanese *nara*-conditionals”. Talk at Semantics Workshop in Tokai and Kansai, online, September 18, 2021.
- 2021 **Muyi Yang**, “Distributive updates in conditionals: a dynamic account of optional conditional markers”. Talk at Language and Logic Forum: Conditionals in Chinese [2021 年 语言与逻辑研讨会 (汉语中的条件句)], Beijing Normal University, online, June 26–27, 2021.
- 2021 **Muyi Yang**, “Distributive updates in conditional: the cases of Japanese *moshi*”. Talk at Zyookenconditionals: Conditionals in Japanese, English, and beyond (workshop sponsored by KAKEN, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science), online, June 17, 2021.
- 2021 **Muyi Yang**, “Sinhala *wh*-questions revisited: It’s all about focus”. Talk at Syntax+, University of Southern California, online, February 2021.
- 2021 **Muyi Yang**, “Iffy if: Japanese *moshi* in conditionals and related constructions”. Invited talk at the Semantics Colloquium at Goethe University Frankfurt, online, January 2021.
- 2019 **Muyi Yang**, “Explaining negative counterfactuals.” Invited talk at the annual workshop of the UConn Logic Group: “If” by any other name. April 6, 2019. University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA.

### PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 **Muyi Yang**, “Singularity and plurality of discourse reference to worlds.” Talk at Semantics and Linguistic Theory 32, El Colegio de Mexico (COLMEX) and the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Mexico City, June 8–10, 2022.
- 2022

- Muyi Yang**, “Referentiality and plurality in conditionals.” Talk at Theoretical Linguistics at Keio (TaLK) Semantics Conference, Tokyo/online, March 2-4, 2022.
- 2022 **Muyi Yang**, “The closeness constraint on focus association and the syntax of Q-particles.” Talk at The 96th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Washington, DC, January 6-9, 2022.
- 2021 **Muyi Yang**, “Sensitive to future: the case of Japanese *nara*-conditionals.” Talk at Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics 18 (LENLS18), online, November 13-15, 2021
- 2021 **Muyi Yang**, “Iffy discourse: Japanese *moshi* in conditionals and nominal topics.” Talk at The Semantics and Pragmatics of Conditional Connectives (Workshop at the 43rd Annual Conference of the DGfS), University of Freiburg, Feb 24-26, 2021.
- 2020 **Muyi Yang**, “Distributivity and collectivity in the world domain: Evidence from Japanese modality.” Talk at The 161th Meeting of the Linguistic Society of Japan, online, November 21-22, 2020.
- 2020 **Muyi Yang**, “Disambiguating two conditional construals: Evidence from the optionality of *if*.” Talk at Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 25, online, September 2020.
- 2019 **Muyi Yang** and Teruyuki Mizuno, “On the discourse dynamics of Exceptional *what*-Questions.” Talk at The 12th Generative Linguistics in the Old World in Asia (GLOW in Asia 12) and the 21st Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 21), August 7-9, 2019, Dongguk University in Seoul, Korea.
- 2018 **Muyi Yang**, “Causal networks in discourse: A case of Mandarin negative conditionals.” Talk at The 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS). October 5-7, 2018, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA.
- 2018 Teruyuki Mizuno and **Muyi Yang**, “Toward a unified analysis of Japanese evidential *youda*: a Causal Bayesian approach.” Poster at The 49th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS). October 5-7, 2018, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA.
- 2018 **Muyi Yang**, “Possessor raising in Mandarin unaccusatives.” Talk at The 156th Meeting of the Linguistic Society of Japan. June 23-24, 2018, University of Tokyo, Japan.
- 2016 **Muyi Yang**, “*Wonder* is NOT *want to know*: Question-taking embedded verbs revisited.” Talk at The 153rd Meeting of the Linguistic Society of Japan. December 3-4, 2016, Fukuoka University, Fukuoka, Japan. (In Japanese). [“*Wonder* is NOT *want to know*: 埋め込み疑問節を取る動詞の再考” 日本言語学会第 153 回大会口頭発表.]
- 2016 Lukas Rieser, Yu Izumi, Magdalena Kaufmann, Stefan Kaufmann and **Muyi Yang**. “What *-tai* teaches us about *wanting*.” Poster presentation at The 24th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference (J/K). October 14-16, 2016, National Institute for Japanese Language and Linguistics, Tokyo, Japan.

#### OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 **Muyi Yang**, “A focus construction, after all: The case of Sinhala *wh*-questions.” Talk at UConn LingLunch. online, March 9, 2021.
- 2020 **Muyi Yang**, “One Q? Two Qs!: Question formation in Sinhala.” Talk at UConn LingLunch. October 2020, University of Connecticut.
- 2020 **Muyi Yang**, “Where does *if* take us?.” UConn Open House Microtalk. March 13, 2020, University of Connecticut.
- 2020 **Muyi Yang**, “Strategies of question formation with Q-particles.” Talk at UConn LingLunch. January 28, 2020. University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA.
- 2018

- 2018 **Muyi Yang**, “Performativity in Japanese declaratives.” Talk at The 8th UConn Linguistics Graduate Roundtable. December 8, 2018. University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA.
- 2018 **Muyi Yang**, “Performativity in Japanese declaratives.” Talk at The Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS). December 2, 2018. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA.
- 2018 Teruyuki Mizuno and **Muyi Yang**, “On asymmetries in Japanese evidential *youda*.” UConn Open House Microtalk. March 9, 2018, University of Connecticut.
- 2017 **Muyi Yang**, “Possessor raising in Mandarin unaccusatives.” UConn Linguistics Graduate Roundtable VII. December 3, 2017, University of Connecticut.

## Scholarships and Awards

- 2021 **Conference Participation Award**, The Graduate School, University of Connecticut.
- 2021 **Summer Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship**, Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut.
- 2021 **David Michaels Teaching Award**, Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut.
- 2021 Spring **Dissertation Fellowship**, Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut.
- 2019 Spring **Provost Commendation of Excellence in Teaching**, University of Connecticut.
- 2019-2020 **Jakobson Fellowship**, Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut.
- 2017-2018 **Jakobson Fellowship**, Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut.
- 2017- **Predoctoral Fellowship**, Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut.
- 2012 **Ethel Tory Scholarship**, College of Asia & The Pacific and College of Arts and Social Sciences, Australian National University.

## Teaching Experience

### AS INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

- 2022 Fall JAPN 1101 Elementary Japanese I
- 2020 Fall LING 2010Q The Science of Linguistics (online teaching)
- 2020 Winter JAPN 1101 Elementary Japanese I
- 2019 Fall JAPN 1101 Elementary Japanese I

### AS TEACHING ASSISTANT/TUTOR

- 2020 Summer Student-Athlete Success Program (SASP) Tutoring Program (as tutor for student athletes enrolled in linguistics courses).
- 2019 Spring LING 1030 The Diversity of Languages (as TA). Instructor: Andrea Calabrese.
- 2018 Fall LING 1010 Language and Mind (as TA). Instructor: Harry van der Hulst.
- 2018 Spring LING 1010 Language and Mind (as technician TA). Instructor: Jon Gajewski.
- 2017 Fall LING 2010Q The Science of Linguistics (as technician TA). Instructor: Magdalena Kaufmann.

## Research Experience

- 2021-2022 Research assistant for NSF grant ‘Research on conditional and modal language’ (No.: 2116972); PI: Magdalena Kaufmann, co-PI: Stefan Kaufmann.

2020 Spring Research assistant for Jon Gajewski, University of Connecticut.

## Service

### REVIEWING

Journal *The Linguistic Review*, 2023 1x; *Proceedings of Tu+* 7, 2022 3x; *Glossa*, 2020 1x  
Conference Tu+ 7, 2021; TripleA 6, 2019

### DEPARTMENT-INTERNAL SERVICE

2019–2020 Secretary of The Linguistics Club at UConn, University of Connecticut.  
Dec 2018 Organizer of The 8th UConn Linguistics Graduate Roundtable, December 8, 2018. Co-organizers: Shengyun Gu and Ivana Jovovic. Department of Linguistics, The University of Connecticut.  
2018–2019 Treasurer of The Linguistics Club at UConn, University of Connecticut.

## Languages

Native Mandarin Chinese  
Fluent English; Japanese  
Elicitation Karakalpak (Turkic) (in-class at UConn)

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