

Triviality in context

In this talk, we use a class of observations regarding licensing of strong NPIs and anti-licensing of weak PPIs to argue that there is considerable tension between the notion of modulation-based Logicality, as it is currently understood (e.g., Gajewski, 2004; Chierchia, 2019; Del Pinal, 2021) and the prevalent exhaustification-based approach to polarity licensing (e.g., Chierchia, 2013). We show a number of ways to resolve the tension, each of which, however, comes with a cost.