

Report on Trip of Daniel Rothschild to Paris, France to Collaborate with Emmanuel Chemla and Vincent Homer on Project on Negative Polarity Items

Trip Dates: 23 December - 30 December 2009

Purpose of visit: To design a series of experiments to be carried out by Chemla's lab in Paris on implicatures and negative polarity items.

Description of work carried out: We devised two sets of experiments to be carried out in December in Chemla's lab. One set tests the relationship between negative polarity items and scalar implicatures, the other between negative polarity items and inferences of entailment.

Results obtained: The actual experiments are still ongoing, the purpose of the trip was to design them, which we succeeded in doing.

Future collaboration: After we get our first set of results, we may design follow-up experiments.

Projected publications to result from grant: We expect to be able to publish an article on these experiments, but we still await results to see what form it will take.