“Going Dynamic” in Distributional Semantics

The “dynamic turn” has represented a crucial breakthrough in formal semantics, providing a new way to conceive the complex interplay between context and meaning, as well as to address phenomena that defied previous model-theoretic approaches. In this talk, I will argue that a similar dynamic shift is possible and actually desirable in distributional semantics. A dynamic interpretation of distributional semantics on the one hand will favor new synergies with formal models of meaning, and on the other hand will allow the development of more cognitively plausible distributional models of sentence and discourse comprehension.