

In His Name

Introduction to Semantics

MA in Linguistics (Feb. – June 2020) Linguistics Dept. University of Tehran

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A. Timetable:

week 1: What is Semantics? Semantics: its history (Handout file)

week 2: Semantics and its questions and issues (Handout file)

week 3: sentence, utterance, proposition, sense and reference (Hurford et al, 2007 units 2-3)

week 4: Sense and reference, Referring expressions (Hurford et al, 2007 units 3-4)

week 5: predication and argument structure (Lobner, 2013, ch. 5)

week 6: Selectional Restrictions, the semantics of verbs (Lobner, 2013, ch. 5-6)

week 7: The Semantics of Verbs (Lobner, 2013, ch. 6)

week 8: Mid-term exam

week 9: Meaning and Logic (Riemer, 2010: chap. 6)

week 10: Meaning and Logic (Riemer, 2010: chap. 6)

week 11: Categorization and cognitive semantics (Riemer, 2010: Chap 7)

week 12: cognitive semantics and cognition (Riemer, 2010: Chap 7 and 8)

week 13: cognitive semantics and cognition (Riemer, 2010: Chap 8)

week 14: Rapping up and concluding remarks

B. Evaluation:

class participating 4 scores

mid-term exam 7 scores

final exam 9 scores

C. Sources:

Hurford, J. R., B. Heasley, and M. B. Smith. (2007) Semantics: A course Book. Cambridge University Press.

Lobner, S. (2013). Understanding Semantics. Routledge.

Riemer, S. (2010). Introducing Semantics. Cambridge University Press.