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## Education

### DEGREE STUDIES

- 2019- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
Ph.D in Linguistics  
Thesis working title: *Worlds, times and the fate of Ontological Symmetry*
- 2015-2018 **The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**  
BA in Linguistics and History  
*Summa cum laude*

### NON-DEGREE STUDIES

- 2018, 2022 **The Crete Summer School of Linguistics**  
The Department of Philology, University of Crete
- 2016 **University College Dublin**  
*Erasmus+* student exchange program

## Publications

- ACCEPTED (MINOR REVISIONS) **Benbaji-Elhadad, I.** “Reconstruction, bare quantification, and the fourth reading.” *Natural Language Semantics*.
- ACCEPTED (MINOR REVISIONS) **Benbaji-Elhadad, I.** “A hitherto unnoticed sloppy reading of proper names.” *Snippets*.
- ACCEPTED (MAJOR REVISIONS) **Benbaji-Elhadad, I. & O. Doron.** “The Varieties of Relevance.” *Journal of Semantics*.
- SUBMITTED **Benbaji-Elhadad, I. & D. Pesetsky.** “Ingredients of Ellipsis: E-extension and the Uniformity of Silence.” *Linguistic Inquiry*.
- TO APPEAR **Benbaji-Elhadad, I.** “A challenge to unified accounts of non-canonical belief reports.” *Proceedings of the North Eastern Linguistic Society (NELS) 56*.

- TO APPEAR Feldcamp, Z. & I. Benbaji-Elhadad. “A well-formedness condition on alternative generation.” *Proceedings of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)* 43.
- 2024 Benbaji-Elhadad, I. & J. Wehbe. “On the semantics of unit fractions.” *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB)* 28: 131-149.
- 2024 Benbaji-Elhadad, I. & O. Doron. “How is presupposition accommodation constrained, again?” *Proceedings of the 24<sup>th</sup> Amsterdam Colloquium*: 22-28.
- 2023 Benbaji-Elhadad, I. “Preliminaries for a substitution theory of *de re*.” *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 33: 358-378.
- 2023 Benbaji-Elhadad, I., O. Doron & A. Hénot-Mortier. “Distinguishing levels of morphological derivation in word-embedding models.” *Proceedings of the North Eastern Linguistic Society (NELS)* 53: 63-76.
- 2023 Benbaji, I. & O. Doron. “Adversative *only* is *only only*.” *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB)* 27: 64-80.
- 2022 Benbaji, I. “Focus particles in verb-echo answers: An argument for Argument Ellipsis.” *Proceedings of the North Eastern Linguistic Society (NELS)* 52: 67-80.
- 2022 Benbaji, I., O. Doron & A. Hénot-Mortier. “Word-embeddings distinguish denominal and root-derived verbs in Semitic.” *Proceedings of End-to-End Compositional Models of Vector-Based Semantics*: 35-49.
- 2021 Benbaji, I. “Restricting the fourth reading.” *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 31: 221-240.
- 2021 Benbaji, I., O. Doron & R. Wang. “A new diagnostic for antonym decomposition.” *Proceedings of the North Eastern Linguistic Society (NELS)* 51: 51-64.

## Presentations

### REFEREED BY ABSTRACT

- 2025 Benbaji-Elhadad, I. “Specific-opaque readings as belief revision/replacement.” *North Eastern Linguistic Society (NELS)* 56. New York University. 17-19 October, 2025.
- 2025 Benbaji-Elhadad, I. & O. Doron. “Saving FACE: Fragment answers, copy theory, and radical trace conversion.” *North Eastern Linguistic Society (NELS)* 56. New York University. 17-19 October, 2025.
- 2024 Benbaji-Elhadad, I. “Worlds, times and the fate of Ontological Symmetry.” *Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB)* 29. C.U.M.O., Noto, Sicily. 17-20 September, 2024.
- 2024 Benbaji-Elhadad, I. “Specific-opaque readings and the temporal interpretation of NPs.” *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)* 42. University of California, Berkeley. 12-14 April, 2024.
- 2024 Benbaji-Elhadad, I. & O. Doron. “Relevance as a dynamic constraint.” *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)* 42. University of California, Berkeley. 12-14 April, 2024.

- 2023 **Benbaji-Elhadad, I.** & D. Pesetsky. “E-extension and the uniformity of silence.” *North Eastern Linguistic Society (NELS)* 53. Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen. 12-14 January, 2023.
- 2022 **Benbaji, I.** “Proper names and the syntax-semantics of coercion.” *The 3<sup>rd</sup> Context, Cognition & Communication Conference*. University of Warsaw. 19-22 September, 2022.
- 2022 **Benbaji, I.**, F.H. Kobayashi & Y. Sinha. “The logic of Hindi co-compounds.” *Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB)* 27. Charles University, Prague. 14-16 September, 2022.
- 2020 **Benbaji, I.**, O. Doron & R. Wang. “Hebrew reduplication as a diagnostic for antonym decomposition.” *Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB)* 25. University College London & Queen Mary University of London. 3-9 September, 2020.
- 2018 **Benbaji, I.** “A context sensitive semantics for proper names.” *RALFe 2018—Rencontres d’Automne de Linguistique Formelle*. Université Paris 8/CNRS. 6-7 December, 2018.
- 2018 **Benbaji, I.** “A context sensitive semantics for proper names.” *Philosophy of Language & Mind Master Class with Prof. Angelika Kratzer*. Universität Salzburg. 23 October, 2018.

#### INVITED TALKS

- 2024 **Benbaji, I.** “Missing temporariness implicatures and their consequence for the theory of alternatives (Joint work with Zachary Feldcamp).” *LINGVAE Seminar*. Institut Jean Nicod. 26 September, 2024.
- 2024 **Benbaji, I.** “Specific-opaque readings and the temporal interpretation of noun phrases.” *Departmental Colloquium*. Tel Aviv University. 22 February, 2024.
- 2023 **Benbaji, I.** “Property-coerced names are not metaphors: the case for coercion operators for proper names.” *Linguistic speaker series*. Northeastern University. 16 February, 2023.

#### Awards, Fellowships & Grants

- 2022-2023 **Noam Chomsky Graduate Fellowship**  
Funding award for outstanding progress in the MIT linguistics PhD program
- 2020 **Best Student Presentation Award**  
Awarded at *Sinn und Bedeutung* 25 for a joint talk with Omri Doron & Ruonan Wang
- 2018-2019 **Mandel School for Advanced Studies in the Humanities Honors Program**  
Funding award for outstanding graduate students in the humanities, the Hebrew University
- 2018-2019 **The Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University Joint Scholarship**  
Funding award for outstanding graduate students in linguistics
- 2018 **The Gad Frenkel Prize for Excellent B.A. Papers in Linguistics**  
Awarded by The Linguistics Department of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2016 **The Rector’s Award**  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2016 **The Dean’s Award**  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## Teaching

- Fall 2022 **Teaching Assistant:** *Language and its structure II: Syntax* (Undergraduate)  
Instructors: Sabine Iatridou & Will Oxford  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Summer 2022 **Teaching Assistant:** *Introduction to Semantics* (Undergraduate)  
Instructor: Cleo Condoravdi  
The Fourth Crete Summer School of Linguistics
- Spring 2022 **Teaching Assistant:** *Advanced Semantics* (Graduate)  
Instructors: Amy Rose Deal & Martin Hackl  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Spring 2021 **Teaching Assistant:** *Introduction to Linguistics* (Undergraduate)  
Instructor: Norvin Richards  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Spring 2019 **Teaching Assistant:** *Issues in Semantics* (Undergraduate)  
Instructor: Todd Snider  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## Non-academic employment and experience

### EMPLOYMENT

- 2014-2018 **Chief Political Correspondent**  
GLZ Radio, Israel
- 2015-2016 **Moderator, weekly evening news broadcast**  
GLZ Radio, Israel
- 2012-2014 **West Bank Correspondent**  
GLZ Radio, Israel

### NON-DEGREE STUDIES

- January 2017 **International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP)**  
The United States Department of State, Washington DC

### PUBLIC WRITING

- 2025 Panievsky, A. & I. Benbaji. “Eyes wide shut: When the war on the media met the war in Gaza.” *Molad center for the renewal of Israeli democracy*. (Hebrew report; see English executive summary [here](#), and English media coverage below.)
- ❖ CNN: “Global outrage has grown after two years of bombardment in Gaza. In Israel, it is a different story.”
  - ❖ Haaretz: “When It Comes to Covering the Gaza War, ‘Israeli Media Is Like a Doctor Hiding the Patient’s Condition.’”
- 2024 **Benbaji, I.** “Netanyahu abandoned, Channel 12 normalized.” *TheMarker* (Hebrew).
- 2024 **Benbaji, I.** “As the masses protested, Master Chef was aired again.” *Walla!* (Hebrew).
- 2019 **Benbaji, I.** “Lieberman had no choice.” *Haaretz* (Hebrew).
- 2017 **Benbaji, I.** “Silent now, the world will pay later.” *Haaretz* (Hebrew).

## **Languages**

English (proficient), Hebrew (proficient), French (basic skills)

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