

# Experimental Investigations into the Interpretation of Perspective-Sensitive Items

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Accounts of perspective sensitivity from philosophy of language and linguistic semantics seek to unify the interpretive properties of expressions that exhibit it, e.g. by recourse to a notion of a “judge” from whose perspective these expressions have to be evaluated. In this talk, we show that the class of perspective-sensitive expressions is less homogeneous than this search for a unified semantics presupposes. Starting from Lasersohn’s (2009) account of a semantics enriched by a judge parameter, we will present some theoretical arguments and evidence from two experiments for systematic differences between two large classes of expressions: predicates of personal taste (like *tasty*, *boring*), and relational locative expressions (e.g., *to the left of*).