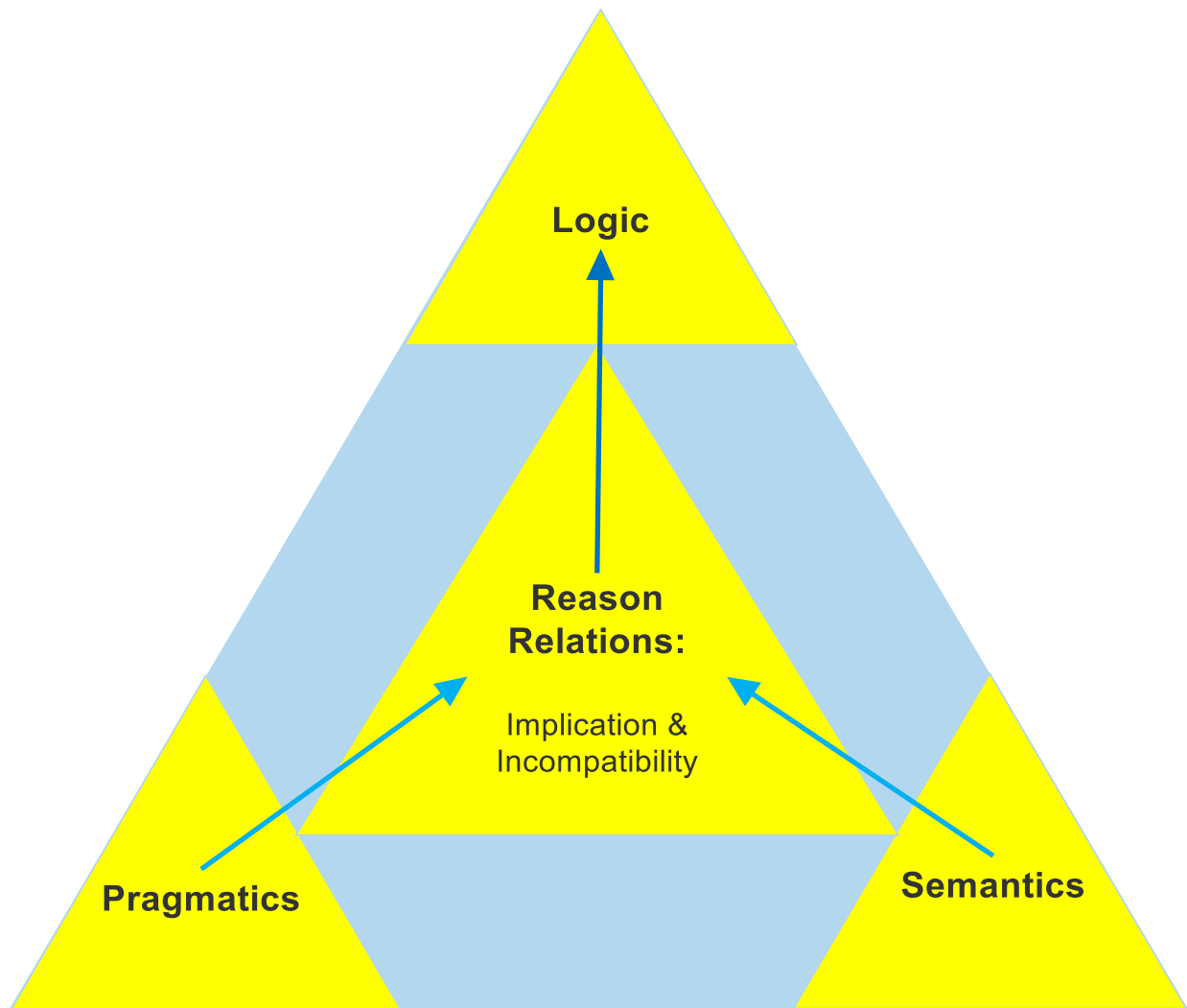


Metavocabularies of Reason: Pragmatics, Logic, and Semantics

Fall 2022—Brandom
University of Pittsburgh
PHIL 2420/30481—Philosophy of Language
Wednesday 1:00—3:30
Website at: sites.pitt.edu/~rbrandom



Meeting 1. August 31, 2022

Introduction to the Course:

A Metarationalist Perspective on Language, Logic, and Meaning

Read:

Brandom *Articulating Reasons*, Introduction pp. 1-35.

“Intentionality and Language: A Normative, Pragmatist, Inferentialist Approach”.

Resources:

Brandom, “Asserting.”

Brandom, “On the Structure of Reasons: Pragmatics, Semantics, and Logic.”

Meeting 2. September 7, 2022

Pragmatics I:

The ‘Vocabulary’ Vocabulary and

Normative Pragmatic Metavocabularies for Autonomous Discursive Practices

Read:

Making It Explicit Chapter 1.

Articulating Reasons Chapter 6, pp. 185-196.

Resources:

Hlobil “Anti-Normativism Examined.”

Restall “Multiple Conclusions”.

Meeting 3. September 14, 2022

Pragmatics II:

A Deepened Normative Bilateralism and Reason Relations

Read:

Reasons for Logic, Logic for Reasons, Chapter 1 (draft).

Resources:

MacFarlane, “In What Sense (If Any) Is Logic Normative for Thought?”

Meeting 4. September 21, 2022

Reason Relations I:

The Open Structure of Non-Logical Reason Relations

Read:

Reasons for Logic, Logic for Reasons, Introduction, pp. 14-32.

Brandom, "From Logical Expressivism to Expressivist Logics" Section I, II, pp. 1-9.
Brandom, "On the Structure of Reasons: Pragmatics, Semantics, and Logic," Section V (pp. 36-45).

Resources:

Tarski, on Logical Consequence (3 essays).
Simonelli, "Why Must Incompatibility Be Symmetric?"

Meeting 5. September 28, 2022

Reason Relations II:

What are the relations between *reasons* and *logic*?
Metavocabularies

Read:

Brandom, "From Logical Expressivism to Expressivist Logics" Sections III-VI, pp. 9-23.
Brandom, *Articulating Reasons*, Chapter 1.

Resources:

Hlobil, "Choosing Your Nonmonotonic Logic: A Shopper's Guide."
Reasons for Logic, Logic for Reasons, Introduction.

Meeting 6. October 5, 2022

Logic I:

Logical Expressivism. Sequent Calculi and NM-MS

Read:

Kaplan, "A Multi-Succedent Sequent Calculus for Logical Expressivists."
Brandom, "On the Structure of Reasons: Pragmatics, Semantics, and Logic," Section VI (pp. 46-56).

Resources:

Gentzen, "Investigation into Logical Deduction,"
Brandom, *Between Saying and Doing*, Chapter Two.

Meeting 7. October 12, 2022

Logic II:

Logical Expressivism and Expressive Completeness: A Representation Theorem

Read:

Kaplan, Selections from his Dissertation "Substructural Content" (2021).

Brandom, “On the Structure of Reasons: Pragmatics, Semantics, and Logic,” Section VII (pp. 57-68.).

Resources:

Brandom, “Reasoning, Reason Relations, and Semantics.”

Meeting 8. October 19, 2022

Semantics I:

Truthmaker Semantics, Bilateralism, and Reason Relations

Read:

Hlobil, “The Laws of Thought and the Laws of Truth as Two Sides of One Coin.”

Hlobil, *Reasons for Logic, Logic for Reasons*, Chapter 3 (draft).

Resources:

Fine, “A Theory of Truthmaker Content.”

Meeting 9. October 26, 2022

Semantics II:

Implication-Space Semantics

Read:

Hlobil, *Reasons for Logic, Logic for Reasons*, Chapter 5 (draft).

Brandom, “On the Structure of Reasons: Pragmatics, Semantics, and Logic,” Section IV (pp. 23-35).

Resources:

Simonelli, “Simply Substructural Semantics.”

Meeting 10. November 2, 2022.

Metalinguistic Expressivism I:

Beyond Semantic and Pragmatic Metavocabularies

Read:

Brandom, *Between Saying and Doing*, Chapter One.

Brandom, “On the Way to a Pragmatist Theory of the Categories.”

Resources:

Brandom, “Sellars’s Metalinguistic Expressive Nominalism.”

Meeting 11. November 9, 2022.

Metalinguistic Expressivism II:

Alethic Modal Metavocabularies.

Read:

Brandom, “Modality and Normativity.”

Brandom, “Modal Expressivism and Modal Realism: Together Again.”

Meeting 12. November 16, 2022.

Alethic and Deontic Metavocabularies Entangled I:

Description and Fact-Stating: Base Vocabularies and Metavocabularies.

Epistemic Tracking and Normative Governance.

No class on November 23—Thanksgiving Holiday

Meeting 13. November 30, 2022.

Alethic and Deontic Metavocabularies Entangled II:

Revisiting Bimodal Hylomorphic Conceptual Realism

Read:

Brandom, “On the Structure of Reasons: Pragmatics, Semantics, and Logic,” Section VIII (pp. 69-77).

Meeting 14. December 7, 2022.

Conclusion:

Metavocabularies of Reason