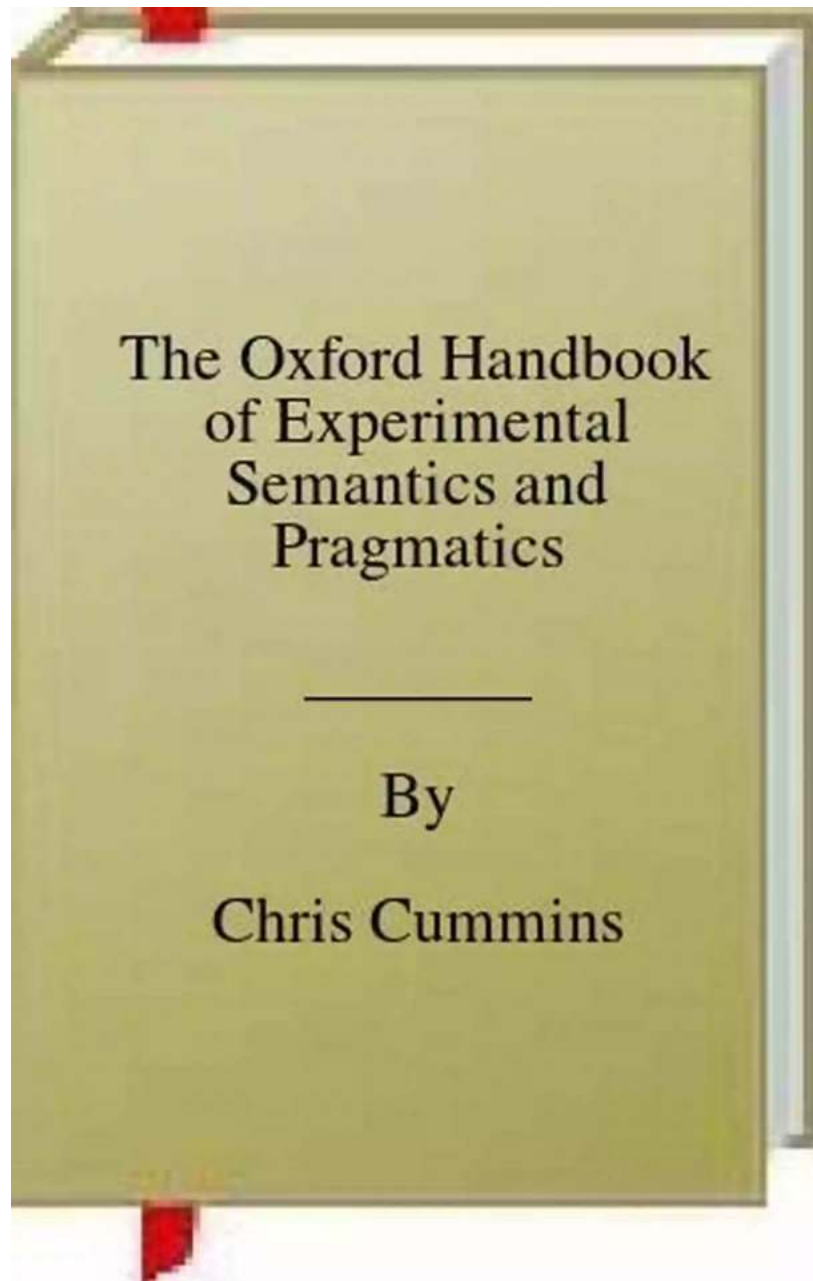


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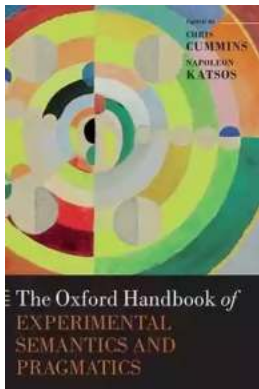


Language, with its nuances and complexities, has always fascinated linguists, philosophers, and researchers. The study of how language is understood and

used has given birth to experimental semantics and pragmatics. The Oxford Handbook of Experimental Semantics and Pragmatics is an essential resource for those interested in gaining insights into the intricacies of language comprehension and use.

What is Experimental Semantics and Pragmatics?

Experimental semantics and pragmatics is a subfield of linguistics that aims to investigate how meaning is constructed and conveyed in language. While semantics focuses on the meaning of words and sentences, pragmatics studies how meaning is influenced by context and the intentions of the speaker or writer.



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The Importance of Experimental Approach

Traditionally, linguistic research relied heavily on introspection and introspective judgments. However, experimental methods have gained prominence as they provide empirical evidence and offer a systematic way of studying language

phenomena. By conducting experiments, researchers can gather data that helps in uncovering patterns and understanding how language is processed and interpreted by individuals.

The Structure of the Handbook

The Oxford Handbook of Experimental Semantics and Pragmatics brings together leading experts in the field to provide comprehensive coverage of the topic. The handbook is divided into six sections:

1. Foundations:

This section provides an introduction to experimental semantics and pragmatics, outlining its history, key concepts, and methodologies.

2. Experimental Approaches to Meaning:

This section explores various experimental techniques used to investigate meaning, such as eye-tracking, neuroimaging, and corpus analysis.

3. Experimental Approaches to Understanding and Production:

Here, researchers examine how meaning is comprehended and expressed through experiments focusing on sentence processing, ambiguity resolution, and metaphor comprehension.

4. Experimental Approaches to Pragmatics:

This section delves into the study of meaning beyond the literal interpretation of words, exploring topics such as implicature, presupposition, and reference resolution.

5. Experimental Approaches to Communication:

In this section, researchers investigate how meaning is conveyed in communication, including studies on figurative language, speech acts, and dialogue.

6. Interdisciplinary Connections:

The final section explores the intersections between experimental semantics and pragmatics and other fields, such as psychology, philosophy, and computer science.

Why You Should Read the Handbook

The Oxford Handbook of Experimental Semantics and Pragmatics is a valuable resource for students, researchers, and professionals in linguistics, psychology, cognitive science, and related fields. By exploring the experimental approaches to understanding meaning and language use, readers can gain a deeper understanding of how language influences our thoughts, communication, and social interactions.

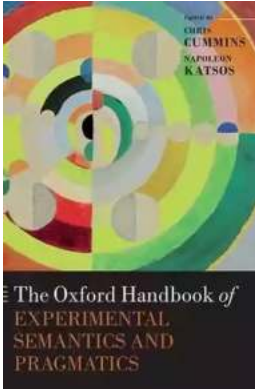
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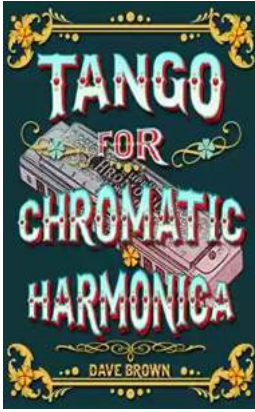


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Written in a clear and accessible style, this handbook will appeal to students and scholars from advanced undergraduate level upwards in a range of fields, including semantics and pragmatics, philosophy of language, psycholinguistics, computational linguistics, cognitive science, and neuroscience.



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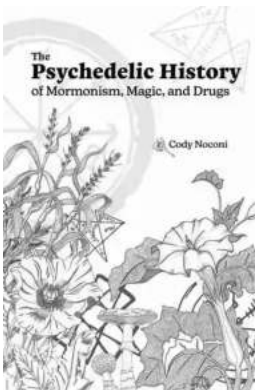
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