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Inquisitiveness Below and Beyond the Sentence Boundary**

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## Preface

This volume contains the 6 papers accepted and presented at the fourth edition of the workshop Inquisitiveness Below and Beyond the Sentence Boundary (InqBnB4). It was held in Nancy (France) on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023, with the 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Computational Semantic (IWCS 2023).

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InqBnB is a workshop series bringing together researchers interested in the semantics and pragmatics of interrogatives. This series was originally organized by the Inquisitive Semantics Group of the Institute for Logic, Language and Computation (ILLC) from the University of Amsterdam. As such, the focus point mainly revolves around analyses using or related to inquisitive semantics. These interactions stimulated the creation of a small community around this topic.

The first edition was held in June 2017 in Broek in Waterland, close to Amsterdam, the Netherlands. It featured 20 invited speakers. The second edition was held in December 2017 in Amsterdam. Among 25 submitted papers, 11 were accepted, and 6 speakers were additionally invited. The third edition was held in June 2019, again in Amsterdam. It featured 20 invited speakers.

With InqBnB4, we aimed at bringing this community outside of its initial zone. First, by adjoining this workshop to a larger and international conference. Second, by changing the location and organizer affiliations. By doing so, we hoped to expose this research field to a wider audience, and at the same time we hoped to see more diversity in submitted study approaches.

InqBnB4 invited submissions on original and unpublished research focused on the properties of inquisitive content. We were mainly interested in theoretical questions, formal models and empirical works.

### **Below the sentence boundary:**

- Which operators (connectives, quantifiers, modals, conditionals) generate inquisitiveness?
- How do these operators project the inquisitive content of their arguments?
- How does inquisitive content interact with informative content in compositional semantics?

### **Beyond the sentence boundary:**

- How do conventions of use interact with inquisitive content?
- In which ways is pragmatics sensitive to inquisitive content?
- What kind of discourse anaphora are licensed by inquisitive expressions?

We thank everyone who submitted papers. We also thank everyone who accepted to be part of the program committee. The meeting was enriched by the inspirational talks from Wataru Uegaki and Todor Koev.

We are thankful to the NWO VICI grant “QuSign: Questions in sign language” (2021-2026) for financing invited speaker fees. We also thank the LORIA for hosting the website and the IDMC (Institut des Sciences du Digital, Management et Cognition) at Pôle Herbert Simon, the venue of the workshop. Finally, this workshop wouldn’t have been possible without the help of IWCS 2023. We are very grateful to Maxime Amblard and Ellen Breitholtz, all the organizers and the sponsors of IWCS 2023 (CNRS, Inria, Université de Lorraine, University of Gothenburg, Erdil and Métropole du Grand Nancy).

Valentin D. Richard and Floris Roelofsen

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## Program of InqBnB4

- 9:00–9:30 Welcoming
- 9:30–9:40 Introducing words
- 9:40–10:35 Invited talk: *The MECORE database and the \*whether-puzzle*  
Wataru Uegaki
- 10:35–11:00 *break*
- 11:00–12:30 **First session:**
- Short answers as tests: A post-suppositional view on wh-questions and answers*  
Linmin Zhang
- Referential Transparency and Inquisitiveness*  
Jonathan Ginzburg and Andy Lücking
- Uninquisitive questions*  
Tom Roberts
- Lunch**
- 12:30–14:00
- 14:00–15:30 **Second session:**
- mage as a bias particle in interrogatives*  
Maryam Mohammadi
- Dynamic Questions: Evidence from Mandarin Think–"Xiang"*  
Anshun Zheng
- The indefinite-interrogative affinity in sign languages: the case of Catalan Sign Language*  
Raquel Veiga Busto, Floris Roelofsen and Alexandra Navarrete González
- 15:30–16:00 *break*
- 16:00–16:55 Invited talk: *Question Bias, Polarity Focus, and Saliency*  
Todor Koev (joint work with Cory Bill)
- 16:55–17:00 Final words

