

## **SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSION**

### **BRIEF**

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Host Institution: Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain

### **Research interest:**

Andrés Soria-Ruiz is a philosopher who specializes on metaethics and philosophy of language, as well as formal semantics and pragmatics. His dissertation proposes an expressivist account of evaluative adjectives that takes into account their scalar properties. He has published on various topics in philosophy of language and formal semantics and pragmatics, such as faultless disagreement, metalinguistic disputes, attitudinal predicates, and hate speech. He is currently a researcher at the New University of Lisbon.

### **STSM Summary:**

The main project that the grantee pursued in this STSM concerns arguments with broadly normative force; that is, arguments whose conclusions take the form of a prescription such as ‘you ought to do such-and-such’, or an evaluation such as ‘doing so-and-so is good’. With Isidora Stojanovic and Mora Maldonado, researchers at U. Pompeu Fabra (UPF), the grantee tackled a hitherto under-explored characteristic of many such normative arguments, namely, the relationship between evaluative and deontic propositions, depending on whether they occur as premises or conclusions in such arguments. A manuscript was already under review when the STSM began, and the chief purpose of the grantee’s stay at UPF was to carry out the necessary revisions of that manuscript.

During the grantee’s visit to U. Pompeu Fabra (UPF), he held various meetings with the co-authors of the above mentioned study, undertook a new

collaboration with researchers at UPF, and attended talks at UPF's Formal Linguistics Group (GLiF) seminar.

The grantee had numerous meetings with Isidora Stojanovic & Mora Maldonado to work on their chapter on the inferential connections between 'good' and 'ought'. A referee report for the initial manuscript was received on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Subsequently several meetings were held to proceed with the review process.

In addition, the grantee undertook a new project with Mora Maldonado and Laia Mayol (UPF). This project concerns the inferential properties of doxastic verbs that admit a reflexive pronoun in various Romance languages. In previous work (Anvari et al 2019) the grantee had investigated the semantic and pragmatics of Spanish 'creerse'. In this new project, similar verbs in other languages are considered, such as Catalan and French.

The main results of my visit can be summarized under 2 headers. First, revisions for the above-mentioned chapter 'Good and ought in argumentation: COVID-19 as a case study' were finalized. The chapter will appear on the projected thematic volume 'The Pandemic of Argumentation', edited by Steve Oswald, Marcin Lewiński, Sara Greco and Serena Villata, to be edited on Springer's Argumentation Library Series. Secondly, the grantee started a new project with researchers at UPF, Laia Mayol and Mora Maldonado, which has already resulted in a poster presentation at a conference in UMass Amherst.

Both projects undertaken at UPF will result in future collaborations. Regarding the project on the inferential connections between 'good' and 'ought', the chapter mentioned provides very preliminary results. The grantee and his co-authors expect to continue working on this topic in the future and provide a longer and more systematic account of such connections. Regarding the project on reflexive belief verbs in Romance, the grantee and his co-authors plan to write a long theoretical paper, which should incorporate new results as well as those from Anvari et al (2019).

## References

Anvari, A., Maldonado, M., & Soria-Ruiz, A. (2019). The puzzle of reflexive belief construction in Spanish. In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* (Vol. 23, No. 1, pp. 57-74).

