

M.A. Reading List
Pragmatics
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Topics:

Scope of pragmatics (defining pragmatics), speech act theory, deixis/reference, conversational implicature, theories of meaning, presupposition, information structure, politeness/impoliteness, the pragmatics-semantics interface, relevance Theory.

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