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Foreword

The research into the reference of linguistic expressions has a long tradition in logic, epistemology, linguistics and computer science. However, during the research in our project "Interaktion von Wort- und Satzsemantik" we realized that several aspects of reference in general and of anaphorical reference in particular are unsolved and controversial. Therefore, we invited researchers from various fields including semantics, logic, philosophy, mathematics and computer science to the workshop "Reference and Anaphorical Relation", which was held at the University of Konstanz in June 1996. The aim of this workshop was to investigate the nature of reference with particular attention to anaphorical relations from different approaches. We hope that this collection of papers reflects the inspiring talks and fruitful discussions at the workshop.

Four main issues were discussed: (i) the Stoic and scholastic treatment of reference and anaphora; (ii) the relation between linguistic expressions, their representations and their meanings; (iii) anaphorical expressions and their interaction with other operators and (iv) the representation of indefinite NPs with choice functions. The workshop formed the final part of our project, in which we investigated choice functions and their application in natural language semantics. [More information](#) about the project is available via internet.

This collection presents 11 papers from the 17 talks given at the workshop. The following participants delivered talks at the workshop which are not included here: Donka Farkas, Jeroen Groenendijk, Reinhard Hülsen, Reinhard Muskens, Stephen Neale and Aarne Ranta. We hope that we can present some of their talks in a sequel volume to this.

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