Compact Course: 'Transitive Intensional Verbs' (DEC-ENS)

**Place:** DEC - ENS  
20 rue d'Ulm  
75005, Paris  
Pavillon Jardin (ground floor)  
LSCP's meeting room

**Attention change of dates:**  
December 1, 8, new date: 13, January 12 (!), January 19

**Time:** 16h30-19h30

The topic of this minicourse are the various classes of transitive intensional verbs and their semantic properties. Typical transitive intensional verbs are 'need' and 'look for'. But also 'recognize', 'find', and 'buy' have been identified as intensional transitive verbs of a similar type. More controversial are verbs like 'worship' and 'conceive of', though they arguably also require a semantic analysis distinct from that of extensional verbs. Moreover evaluative verbs and verbs of description exhibit peculiarities that distinguish them from ordinary extensional verbs. In this mini-course we will look at the various linguistic phenomena associated with transitive intensional verbs in the broadest sense and develop different semantic analyses for various types of such verbs that must be distinguished.

Prerequisites: basic knowledge of formal semantics

**Program**

**Session 1 : December 1**  
- Kinds of transitive intensional verbs  
- Criteria for transitive intensional verbs  
- The shared objects of verbs of absence, transaction verbs, and epistemic verbs  
- [Handout1]

**Reading:**  

**Session 2 : December 8**  
- Continuation : The shared objects of transitive intensional verbs  
- Transitive intensional verbs and their nominalizations  
- Transitive intensional verbs and the status of have  
- [Handout]

**Reading:**  

**Session 3 : December 13**  
- Evidence for clausal complements  
- Syntactic differences between clausal complements

**Reading:**  


**Session 4: January 12**
Intensional verbs and intentional verbs

**Session 5: January 19**
Intensionality effects with 'extensional' transitive verbs
The semantics of verbs of description