## "Polarity phenomena in natural language: variation and compositionality"

Date: Friday November 30th, 4:30 - 7:00

Place: Keio University, Faculty Research Building,

**Conference Room A** 

Organazer: Semantics Research Group Speaker: Anastasia Giannakidou (The University of CHICAGO)

Beginning with her University of Groningen dissertation entitled "The Landscape of Polarity Items," Professor Giannakidou has become internationally recognized for her extensive work on polarity phenomena. She has published in nearly all of the major linguistic journals, and given professional presentations in 10 countries. This will be her first time speaking in Japan.

The Semantics Research Group is a forum for research exchange on topics related to natural language semantics. The group was formed by Makoto Kanazawa in 1994, and has been meeting regularly ever since. Christopher Tancredi joined the group shortly after it was founded, and has been a co-organizer of the group for the past ten years. We meet on average about once a month, inviting speakers both from within Japan and from abroad to present their most recent research findings. Talks are generally mixed with questions and discussion, making for an informal atmosphere. Talks are open to anyone who is interested, and participation is free. Our meetings mostly take place at either Keio University or the National Institute of Informatics, though we have occasional meetings at other universities outside the Tokyo area as well.