

## Conference report - 18<sup>th</sup> International Pragmatics Conference

From July 9 to July 12, 2023, I had the opportunity to participate in the 18th International Pragmatics Conference (IPC18) held at the Université Libre de Bruxelles in Brussels, Belgium. This esteemed conference, organized by the International Pragmatics Association (IPrA), stands as one of the largest gatherings in the field of Pragmatics. Remarkably, it drew over 1,300 researchers from across the globe, creating a diverse and vibrant atmosphere. The conference program was rich and comprehensive, featuring presentations from various domains within Pragmatics. Furthermore, there were engaging thematic panels and thought-provoking talks by esteemed plenary speakers.

In my presentation, titled 'When it comes to quantifiers, argumentativity is not only about quantity,' I shared a study conducted with my supervisor, Prof. Mira Ariel. This study provided empirical evidence based on experimental and corpus data, shedding light on the distinctions between English quantifiers *a few* and *several*, and how their distributional properties influence their usage in forming arguments within discourse. Following the 20-minute presentation, a Q&A session took place, where the audience offered valuable feedback, primarily focused on the distributional and argumentative functions of *a few*. It will be interesting to assess how these comments contribute to the overall insights derived from our study.

Aside from presenting my research and attending various talks, I had the opportunity to interact with numerous young scholars from around the world, as well as colleagues and collaborators beyond Israel, whom I don't get to meet in person very often. I am deeply grateful to CIPL for their generous grant, which made it possible for me to participate in the conference, establish meaningful connections with fellow scholars, and receive valuable feedback on my work.