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EDUCATION

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Jan 2026 – present

PhD student in Linguistics and Multilingual Studies

Fudan University, Shanghai, China

Sept 2022 – June 2025

Master of Arts in English Language and Literature

Anhui University, Hefei, China

Sept 2018 – June 2022

Bachelor of Arts in English

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Broad: formal semantics, experimental semantics

Narrow: majority quantification, degree modification, focus-sensitive particles, comparatives

RESEARCH OUTPUT

Journal Articles

- Feng, Yuli, Dai, Junyi, and **Chu, Lei**. To appear. Hanyu “henduo” de jiedu qiyi jiqi yiyi benzhi: Jianlun “henduo” yu *many* de chayi [On the interpretational ambiguity of Chinese MANY-type quantifier *henduo*]. *Dangdai Xiucixue* [Contemporary Rhetoric].
- Feng, Yuli, and **Chu, Lei**. 2025. Hanyu MOST-lei jujian liangci de jieshi jizhi [On the semantic interpretation of MOST-quantifiers in Chinese]. *Yuyanxue Yanjiu* [Linguistic Research], (01), 39-51.
- Feng, Yuli, and **Chu, Lei**. 2025. Different ways of deriving majority judgements: An experimental study of Chinese *dabufen*. *Journal of Pragmatics*, 242, 12-35. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pragma.2025.04.005>.
- **Chu, Lei**, and Pan, Haihua. 2025. Scalar and existential presuppositions revisited: Insights from Chinese *shenzhi* and *lian...dou*. (Submitted)
- **Chu, Lei**, and Feng, Yuli. Beyond ‘more than half’: Rethinking the semantics of *majority* and its divergence from *most*. (In preparation)
- Feng, Yuli, and **Chu, Lei**. On the interpretational mechanisms of majority quantifiers: The use of Mandarin Chinese *dabufen* revisited. (In preparation)

Conference Presentations

- **Chu, Lei**. 2025. Revisiting existential and scalar presuppositions: Insights from two EVENS in Mandarin Chinese. Paper presented at the *4th International Conference on Formal Approaches to Meaning in Chinese*. The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China.
- Feng, Yuli, and **Chu, Lei**. 2025. Against three-way ambiguity: A monosemous account of *henduo*. Paper presented at the *4th International Conference on Formal Approaches to Meaning in Chinese*. The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China.
- **Chu, Lei**, and Feng, Yuli. 2025. Majority quantification in English: A comparative study on *majority* and *most*. Paper presented at the *7th International Conference on Neo-Descriptivism*. Macau University of Science and Technology, Macau, China.
- **Chu, Lei**, and Feng, Yuli. 2025. A comparative study on *MORE THAN HALF*-type proportional quantifiers in English and Chinese. Paper presented at *Fudan University’s 120th Anniversary Celebration*. Fudan University, Shanghai, China.
- **Chu, Lei**, and Feng, Yuli. 2025. Majority quantification in English and Chinese: A comparative study on *most*, *dabufen*, and *majority*. Paper presented at *Asian Online Workshop on Syntax, Semantics, and Pragmatics*.
- **Chu, Lei**. 2024. A comparative study on the interpretation of majority quantifiers in English and Chinese. Paper presented at *Theoretical Linguistics Workshop for Graduate Students*. Fudan University, Shanghai, China.
- Feng, Yuli, Dai, Junyi, and **Chu, Lei**. 2024. The interpretational ambiguity of *henduo* in Chinese: A comparative perspective. Paper presented at the *18th China International Conference on Contemporary Linguistics and the 8th International Symposium on Gerontolinguistics*. Beijing, China.
- **Chu, Lei**, and Feng, Yuli. 2023. Crosslinguistic variation in the interpretation of proportional quantifiers: A corpus-based study of *most*, *more than half*, *dabufen*, and *daduoshu*. Paper presented at the *2nd International Symposium on Formal Approaches to Meaning in Chinese*. The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China.
- **Chu, Lei**, and Feng, Yuli. 2023. Three interpretational mechanisms of *dabufen*-type quantifiers: A corpus-based study.

Paper presented at *Fudan University's 118th Anniversary Celebration*. Fudan University, Shanghai, China.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Formal Semantics of Intermediate Quantifiers: A Crosslinguistic Perspective

Project supported by the National Social Science Fund of China | Main Participant

Sept 2023 – present

Evaluation for Large Language Models in Multi-Discipline Text Classification and Generation Tasks

Second Prize in 2023 Language and Intelligence Challenge | Core Member

May 2023 – Sept 2023

Linguistic Construction of China's Image from the Perspective of Transitivity Theory

National Project in 2021 College Students' Innovative Training Program | Project Leader

June 2021 – June 2022

WORKING

Junior Research Assistant (Supervisor: Haihua Pan)

July 2025 – Jan 2026

Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Teaching Assistant, *Language and Logic* (Instructor: Yuli Feng)

Feb 2024 – June 2024

Department of English Language and Literature, Fudan University

Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Linguistics* (Instructor: Yuli Feng)

Sept 2023 – Jan 2024

Department of English Language and Literature, Fudan University

Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to English Syntax* (Instructor: Yuli Feng)

Feb 2023 – June 2023

Department of English Language and Literature, Fudan University

AWARDS AND HONORS

National Encouragement Scholarship (China)

Nov 2019 – Dec 2021

The First-Class College Scholarship (Anhui University)

Dec 2019

The Third-Class College Scholarship (Fudan University)

Dec 2023

The First-Class College Scholarship (Fudan University)

Mar 2025

Third Prize for Band B in 2021 National English Competition for College Students (China)

May 2021

First Award in the Anhui Provincial Final of 2021 "FLTRP Cup" English Writing Contest (Anhui)

Nov 2021

Second Prize in 2023 Language and Intelligence Challenge (China)

Nov 2023

Merit Student (Anhui University)

Dec 2019 – Dec 2021

Pacemaker to Merit Student (Anhui University)

Dec 2020 – Dec 2021

Outstanding Graduate of Anhui Province (Anhui)

May 2022

Outstanding Graduate of Anhui University (Anhui University)

June 2022

Excellent Student (Fudan University)

Oct 2023 – Oct 2024

Outstanding Graduate of Fudan University (Fudan University)

May 2025

Outstanding Graduate of Shanghai (Shanghai)

May 2025

SKILLS

Languages: English, Chinese (Native)

Software: R, Stata, Python, UAM CorpusTool