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Sažetak predavanja:

Plausible deniability (PD), in broader terms, refers to the ability of individuals, particularly those in positions of authority or power, to deny any knowledge, responsibility, or involvement in actions carried out by others within their organisation or hierarchy. Within the philosophy of language, one could broadly define PD as a speaker asserting a certain proposition that she could, if challenged, later plausibly deny and claim that the proposition she asserted is, in fact, some other proposition (cf. Walton 1996; Lee & Pinker 2010; Fricker 2012; Peet 2015, 2024; Stanely 2015; Camp 2018; Mazzarella et al. 2018; Dinges & Zakkou 2023). Linguistic PD has recently gained traction within the *ethics and politics of language* (cf. Saul 2018, 2024; Khoo 2017; Beaver & Stanley 2023; Fus-Holmedal ms.). This talk presents a project whose *overarching objective* is to conduct a systematic philosophical investigation of the phenomenon of PD in natural languages. Specifically, it has four objectives, one *central objective*: to develop a philosophical framework of linguistic PD that accounts for its vast varieties and cases, along with three *satellite objectives*: (i) to investigate the possibility of linguistic PD occurring in AI-generated communication; (ii) to address evaluative and normative consequences of linguistic PD; (iii) to bring together linguistic and non-linguistic PD.