

Linguistics 221B

Introduction to Grammatical Theory

Course goals

The major goals of this course are to:

- reinforce skills in analysis, argumentation and presentation of results from 221A, with particular emphasis on constructing test sentences and constructing arguments
- increase ability to read original research literature
- develop skills in analyzing syntax of unfamiliar languages
- gain familiarity with phenomena, descriptive terminology and analyses in two areas:
 - binding
 - A'-dependencies
- reflect on implications of above for architecture of grammar

Tentative schedule

Week	Topic	Problem sets
1	Introduction to Binding Theory: anaphors, pronouns, R-expressions Defining the domain: governors and accessible subjects	
2	Bound pronouns Control <i>Reuland & Everaert: "Deconstructing Binding"</i>	#1: -Binding Theory exercise -Subjects of small clauses, gerundives and subjunctives -Binding Theory predictions -R-expressions and pronouns
3	MLK Day holiday (Monday) Cross-linguistic variation: logophors and long-distance anaphors	#2: -Anaphors in Modern Greek -Split antecedents -Donkeys
4	Cross-linguistic variation: SE vs. SELF	#3: -Anaphors in Finnish -Reflexives in Chinese and Malay
5	MIDTERM (Monday) Introduction to <i>wh</i> -movement	
6	Island constraints Subjacency ECP	#4: -Arguments for <i>wh</i> -movement -Chamorro <i>wh</i> -questions

7	Strong and weak islands D-linking Relativized Minimality <i>Rizzi: "Locality and Left Periphery"</i>	#5: - <i>Wh</i> -movement exercise -Topicalization -Another <i>wh</i> -movement exercise
8	Presidents' Day holiday (Monday) <i>Wh</i> -agreement <i>Chung: "Wh-agreement and 'Referentiality' in Chamorro"</i> Null operators Successive cyclicity	#6: -Relative Clauses -English, Italian, and Spanish -Resumptive Pronouns in Relative Clauses
9	LF movement Crossover Reconstruction <i>Takahashi: Traces or Copies, or Both – Part I</i>	#7: -Relativized Minimality: Bulgarian and English -Three Irish Complementizers Mini-paper proposal due
10	Minimalist analyses Phases <i>Nunes & Uriagereka: "Cyclicity and Extraction Domains"</i>	#8: - <i>Wh</i> -phrases and quantifiers - <i>Wh</i> in Chinese

This schedule is subject to change as the quarter proceeds.

Grading

- 30% Problem sets
- 10% Mini-paper
- 25% Midterm
- 35% Final exam

Some useful references

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