INSTITUT FÜR LINGUISTIK

MASTERSTUDIENGANG LINGUISTIK (LINGUISTICS)
WINTERSEMESTER 2018/19

VERANSTALTUNG IN DER EINFÜHRUNGSWOCHE für Studierende des 1. Semesters

MA-Studiengang Linguistik – Einführung
Informationen zum Inhalt und Aufbau des Studiums, zur Moduleinschreibung etc.

Barbara Stiebels

Mittwoch, 10. Oktober 2018, 15:00-17:00 Uhr
SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15

MODULEINSCHREIBUNG

Die Einschreibung erfolgt ausschließlich online über das Einschreibesystem TOOL

in der Zeit vom 04.10.18 (12:00 Uhr) bis 10.10.18 (17:00 Uhr)

MODULE 04-046-2001 SEMANTICS

Foundational Module

Compositionality
Gregory M. Kobele
Wednesday 13:15-14:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15
This seminar will focus on the syntax-semantics interface. We will explore the Montagovian ideal of compositionality qua a homomorphism between syntax and semantics in the context of a type theoretic grammar formalism.
Lit: - to be announced

Lexical semantics
Barbara Stiebels
Wednesday 15:15-16:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15
The course will deal with the semantics of lexical items (e.g., aktionsart and event semantics of verbs, conceptual shifts in nouns, dimensional adjectives, adpositions and similar local expressions, semantics of derivational morphology), semantic relations between lexical items (e.g., the role of synonymy and antonymy), concepts such as polysemy and vagueness and interface properties of word meaning. In addition, various approaches to word meaning will be discussed (e.g., Bierwisch’s two-level approach to meaning, Pustejovsky’s Generative Lexicon, Jackendoff’s Conceptual Semantics).
Lit.: - to be announced

Aus den folgenden beiden LVen ist eine zu wählen:

Semantics colloquium
Gregory M. Kobele
Monday 15:15-16:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15
The colloquium will explore themes related to the seminar 'Compositionality'.

Colloquium Linguistic typology
Barbara Stiebels
Tuesday 15:15-16:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15
In this semester we will read and discuss papers on semantic typology. Presentations on current research in typology are welcome as well. The program will be fixed at the beginning of the semester.
**Phonology**

*Jochen Trommer*

**Thursday 17:15-18:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15**

The minor goal of this course is to become familiar with the most important theoretical tools to approach the phonology of Natural languages: Distinctive Features, autosegmental and prosodic representations, ordered rules, the cycle, and violable constraints. Its major goal is to learn applying all these tools rigorously and creatively to real data from natural languages.

Literature:

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**Morphology**

*Philipp Weisser*

**Friday 11:15-12:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15**

In this seminar, we will discuss the most important concepts, terms, definitions and topics in the area of morphology - both from a descriptive as well as from a theoretical viewpoint. We will try to cover prototypical as well as problematic cases for many of the definitions and/or theoretical modelings to identify their advantages and disadvantages in each case. We will further discuss how the different frameworks of morphology model the interaction with other modules of grammar. Finally, we will take a closer look at some selected case studies and see how the concepts we discussed are made use of in some recently published sources to understand how they relate to current research questions.

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**Syntax**

*Fabian Heck*

**Thursday 13:15-14:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15**

This course aims at making students familiar with the most important aspects of the derivational syntactic theory often referred to as the "minimalist program" (Chomsky 1995) and modifications thereof (in particular the theory of "phases" of Chomsky 2000, 2001). We will address both the core theoretical concepts of the theory as well as their empirical (or conceptual) motivation, where possible. This also potentially comprises concepts that were proposed before Chomsky (1995) and which were incorporated into the theory (as, for instance, the concept of c-command or Larson’s theory of VP-shells). Ultimately, the concrete syllabus will be set up in response to the concrete needs of the participants, which we will discuss in the first session.

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**Locality in syntactic dependencies**

*Sandhya Sundaresan/Anke Himmelreich*

**Monday 11:15-12:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15**

Locality is a fundamental building block of syntactic relations. The goal of this course is to investigate phenomena that are traditionally considered to be strictly local in syntax, in comparison to those that lie outside the limits (upper and lower) of such locality. As such, we will investigate empirical phenomena that bear on the following questions:

- What sorts of empirical phenomena motivate[d] the idea that syntactic relations are local? Do they form a homogenous class?
- In what ways is locality understood and formalized within a Minimalist framework (e.g. barriers, phases, or even selection-driven Merge)?
- What types of phenomena lie outside the limits of locality, and how can these be understood in local terms?
  - empirical phenomena that lie below the lower limits of locality: involving elements that are too close together (anti-locality effects)
  - empirical phenomena that lie above the upper limits of locality: involving elements that are too far away (long-distance effects)?
Incorporation and complex predicates

Martin Salzmann

Tuesday 11:15-12:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15

In this course, we will look at a wide range of phenomena that involve complex predicates and have often been treated in terms of syntactic/semantic incorporation. Possible topics include (but are not limited to):
- Noun incorporation
- Pseudo-noun incorporation
- pronoun/clitic incorporation
- preposition incorporation (applicatives, pseudo-passives)
- verb incorporation (e.g. causatives)
- verb clusters/restructuring
- resultatives
- particle verbs
- serial verb constructions
- phrasal compounds, synthetic compounds
- etc.

Recent Work in Morphology and Syntax

Gereon Müller

Friday 14:00-15:30 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15

In this colloquium, we discuss recent work in morphology and syntax that either goes back to the participants’s own research or has recently been published.

MODULE 04-046-2034

The internship should involve some practical research activity in a linguistic research project (at the Institute of Linguistics or in some external linguistic project, e.g. at one of the Max-Planck institutes in Leipzig/Jena). Students learn to understand and apply linguistic research methods. Please clear up the details of the internship with Barbara Stiebels, Gereon Müller or Gregory Kobele. Since the internship is possible at any time, you should enrol for this module in the semester in which you intend to present your internship in a colloquium of the institute and write your internship report. The internship should involve at least 150 hours of practical work; the details of the internship (length, work load, tasks) should be confirmed by the internship supervisor.

Further courses of interest (without credits)

Inflectional Morphology in Harmonic Serialism

Gereon Müller

Tuesday 17:15-18:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15

In the first part of the seminar, I will present a series of lectures on inflectional morphology in harmonic serialism based on a forthcoming book (that will appear in 2019). Against this background, the main goal in the second part of the seminar is to determine, by looking at a variety of systems of inflectional morphology in the world’s languages, whether harmonic serialism qualifies as viable research programme in this area.


Phonology Reading Group

Jochen Trommer

Monday 17:15-18:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15

We meet every week to discuss recent and/or important work in phonology. Most of the time we agree on a paper that we all read and then discuss, but we also include talks/discussions about our own work in progress.

Website: http://home.uni-leipzig.de/jtrommer/ReadingGroup.html