Institut für Linguistik

Masterstudiengang Linguistik (Linguistics)
Sommersemester 2019

MODULEINSCHREIBUNG

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in der Zeit vom 20.03.19 (12:00 Uhr) bis 27.03.19 (17:00 Uhr)

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MODULE 04-046-2010 MORPHOLOGY

Clitics
Weisser, Philipp
Wednesday 13:15-14:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15

In this seminar, we will discuss various properties of the phenomenon of clitics, i.e. morphemes which phonologically depend on the presence of a host but have at least some morphosyntactic properties of an independent word. We will start with classical treatments of clitics (Zwicky 1977,1985; Miller 1992) and look at approaches with more elaborate classifications (e.g. Klavans 1995, Harris 2002, Anderson 2005). In the second part of the seminar, we will look at a number of different case studies from a wide range of languages. Finally, we will look at what more recent approaches such as Distributed Morphology (e.g. Embick & Noyer 2001,2007; Kramer 2010) have to say about clitics. Since clitics are often said to be ambiguous as to whether they belong to the morphosyntactic word they attach to or not, they might pose an interesting testing ground to figure out whether the shift from lexical theories towards theories that adopt a uniform combinatorial module for morphology and syntax has been successful. Is a framework which does not assume a fundamental distinction between syntax and morphology empirically more adequate to model the properties of clitics? We’ll see...

Compounding
Stiebels, Barbara
Wednesday 15:15-16:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15

Although compounding is a morphologically simple operation, compound structures raise some interesting questions concerning the categorial, morphosyntactic and prosodic status of their constituents, their headedness (exocentric vs. endocentric compounds), their internal structure (including bracketing paradoxes), their interpretation (contrasting root vs. synthetic compounds), their patterns of argument inheritance and their delineation from incorporation, derivation, and phrasal structures. We will discuss various theoretical approaches to compound structures and also look at cross-linguistic differences in the distribution and properties of compound structures.

References (further references will be given in the seminar):

Morphology/Syntax Colloquium
Gereon Müller
Friday 14:00-15:30 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15

We will discuss recent research on morphology and syntax, including work by the colloquium participants.
Participants: Everyone who is interested is cordially invited to participate.
Starting date: April 26, 2019
Iterativity and Directionality of Harmony processes

Iterativity and directionality are the two central differential dimensions for specific harmony processes. A harmony process (vowel or consonant harmony or tone spreading) might spread either to targets to the left or to the right or based on dominance relations (directionality) and independently it might affect just a single target or unboundedly many targets (iterativity). In this course we are discussing the crosslinguistic typology of these dimensions (Hyman 2002), different theoretical approaches (e.g. parameter-based as in Archangeli & Pulleyblank 1994, or markedness-based as in Kaplan 2008), computational aspects (Chandlee & Heinz 2018), and the question to which degree they are related to cyclic morphological structure (Baković 2000).

Readings:

Strong and weak segments

Traditionally, segment-zero alternations are either analyzed as deletion of underlyingly present or as epenthesis of underlyingly absent segments. However even textbook examples for one category may be amenable to reanalysis as the other (Staroverov 2015), and many cases fall to different degrees in-between, as in Frech liaison, yers and ‘ghost segments’. In this course, we discuss the major theoretical approaches to segmental strength: full but abstract (not surfacing) underlying segments (Pesetsky 1979), defective constraint indexation (Gouskova 2012), defective autosegmental structure (Zoll 1996) and gradient symbolic representations (Smolensky & Goldrick 2016, Zimmermann 2018).

Readings:

Phonology Reading Group

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.

Grammatical approaches to cognition: Minimalist Parsing

The grammar is causally implicated in our use of natural language, but how exactly? We approach this question by examining the problem of parsing: the process by which a structure (or meaning) is derived from a sentence (or an acoustic signal).

We will use minimalist grammars as the target grammar formalism for our investigation of parsing, and begin by asking the question of how grammars with movement may be reliably and systematically parsed. Further topics might
include the processing of covert movement, of ellipsis, how to incorporate a morphological module into parsing, etc. When possible, connections will be made to the relevant psycholinguistic literature.

Literature: supplementary readings will be announced in class.

**Topics in Psycholinguistics**

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This course offers an introduction to certain topics in psycholinguistics at a graduate level. Topics may include, but are not limited to: processing of ellipsis, processing of long distance dependencies, processing of case and agreement.

**Colloquium Parsing natural language**

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This colloquium will explore themes related to parsing.

**MODULE 04-046-2034 RESEARCH INTERNSHIP**

Special Module

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)

**Agreement and Concord**

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The goal of this seminar is to investigate where noun-phrase-internal concord and clause-internal agreement in the world’s languages differ, and try to find out to what extent the two phenomena can nevertheless be given identical or similar theoretical accounts. To this end, we will have a look at recent studies of concord, including Baker (2008) (The Syntax of Agreement and Concord), Bayirli (2017) (The Universality of Concord), and Norris (2014) (A Theory of Nominal Concord); and we will also address instances of non-canonical agreement in the clausal domain.

**COLLOQUIA (without credits)**

**Colloquium Linguistic Typology**

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The colloquium provides a forum to present and discuss ongoing research in linguistic typology. Presentations and suggestions for readings are welcome. The program will be fixed at the beginning of the semester.