MODULE EINSCHREIBUNG – Module enrolment

You must register for all modules and courses that you would like to take. To register for modules or courses, you will have to do so via TOOL between March 25th, 2020 (12:00) and April 1st, 2020 (17:00).

Further information can be found here: https://www.uni-leipzig.de/en/studying/current-students/module-registration/

Freshman orientation

Informations on study regulations and module enrolment

Barbara Stiebels

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 11:00-12:00
SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15

MODULE 04-046-2014 SUPRASEGMENTAL PHONOLOGY

The Phonology and Phonetics of Tone

Jochen Trommer

Thursday 09:15-10:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15

In this course, we discuss the central phonological properties of tone in language (i.e., in lexical tone, morphological tone, and intonation), especially tone spreading, dissimilation, underspecification, and downstep with a focus on their phonetic implementation.

Literature:

Cyclic Stress

Jochen Trommer/Ezer Rasin

Thursday 15:15-16:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15

The idea that stress applies cyclically, i.e., iteratively in increasingly bigger morphosyntactic domains has been at the foundations of theoretical phonology, as we know it (Chomsky, Halle & Lukoff 1956). In this course, we discuss the most important approaches to cyclic stress (e.g. Liberman & Prince 1977, Halle & Vergnaud 1987, Hayes 1995, Burzio 1994, Collie 2007), the typology of cyclic stress phenomena, and formal aspects of its computation (Bjorkman, & Dunbar 2016).

Literature:
Phonology Reading Group
Jochen Trommer/Eva Zimmermann
Monday 17:15-18:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15
Starting date: April 20, 2020

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.

Field Methods

Tuesday 13:15-14:45  SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15
Starting date: April 14, 2020

Field Methods is a hands-on approach to linguistic fieldwork. In this course, students interview a native speaker of an understudied (non-European) language to study all aspects of the language’s grammar: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics. They learn to evaluate and organize real, non-idealized linguistic data and to formulate generalizations.

References:

R for Linguists

Monday 15:15-16:45  SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15
Starting date: April 20, 2020

In this course we will learn how to use the R computing environment to store, manipulate, and analyze the kinds of data linguists encounter in our work.

Module 04-046-2035

The Morphosyntax of Gender

Thursday 11:15-12:45  SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15
Starting date: April 9, 2020

Gender is usually defined as the sorting of nouns into two or more classes, reflected in agreement with other elements in the DP and the clause. In this course, we investigate research questions in the morphosyntax of the grammatical category of gender, such as: Where are gender features located in the hierarchical structure? What is the relationship between gender and other phi features? What is the typology of gender systems and how do different theories account for cross-linguistic variation? What does gender agreement teach us about agreement in the grammar?

References:
Topics in Syntax
Gereon Müller
Tuesday 17:15-18:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15
Starting date: April 14, 2020
In this seminar we will look at recent literature on case assignment, passivization, infinitives, movement and nominal projections. In accordance with the general topic of the module, each of the five topics of the seminar will also feature work on relevant constructions from Lithuanian.

Structure of Lithuanian
Thursday 17:15-18:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15
In this course, we will be taking an in-depth look at the grammar of Modern Lithuanian. We will start with the basic phonological patterns and then focus on the system of lexical accents. Lithuanian accentuation is strongly interleaved with the morphological structure of the language; therefore, we will analyze the distribution of surface accents in the morphological paradigms of nouns and verbs. Finally, we will also go over a few interesting and potentially challenging syntactic patterns, such as double passives, object marking in infinitivals, participial clauses etc.

COLLOQUIA
(without credits)

Colloquium Linguistic Typology
Barbara Stiebels
Tuesday 11:15-12:45 SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15
Starting date: April 14, 2020
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.

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.