

AN INTRODUCTION TO HEAD-DRIVEN PHRASE STRUCTURE GRAMMAR

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These classes will provide an introduction to Head-driven Phrase Structure Grammar (HPSG). They will focus on the version of HPSG presented in Ginzburg and Sag (2000) (sometimes known as Construction-based HPSG), which is still quite widely assumed. I will not consider the more recent Sign-Based Construction Grammar framework (Sag 2012), but this shouldn't be too hard to understand if you understand the earlier framework.

The classes will look at the following topics:

1. The Basics of HPSG
2. Some Syntactic Structures
3. Unbounded Dependency Constructions
4. More on Unbounded Dependency Constructions

For anyone who wants to check whether they have understood the ideas discussed, I will give out some questions after classes 1-3 and give out answers the following day.

In addition to the items mentioned above, useful general references are Sag, Wasow, and Bender (2003) and Pollard and Sag (1994). Borsley (2017) discusses some aspects of the relation between HPSG and Minimalism.

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