

Institut für Linguistik  
**Graduate school IGRA**  
Summer Term 2021

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*Courses open to all interested*

**Form of the courses:** Please check the information on the [Homepage](#).

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### IGRA 01

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**Instructors:** Gregory M. Kobele, Michael Frazier, Paula Fenger & Sam Zukoff  
**Time:** Friday, 15:30–17:00, SR H1 5.16 / NSG, S 213  
**Topic:** Interacting building blocks in Phonology, Morphology, and Syntax I: Excitatory and inhibitory sequential interactions  
**Description:** This course is concerned with techniques and effects of ordering rules in phonology, morphology, and syntax, based on concepts like bleeding, feeding, counter-bleeding, counter-feeding, strict cyclicity, strata, extrinsic/parochial ordering, specificity, elsewhere, blocking, phases, and constraints like Merge over Move. A recurrent theme will be the identification of common patterns in phonology, morphology, and syntax.  
**Reading:** will be announced at the beginning of the semester  
**Starting date:** April 16, 2021

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### IGRA 03

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**Topic:** Key Skills I: Mathematical Methods, Semantics: Grammatical perspectives on language use  
**Instructor:** Gregory M. Kobele  
**Time:** Friday, 9:15–10:45, SR H1 5.16 / NSG, S 215  
**Description:** Investigating our linguistic competence is possible only via its interaction with our performance; all data pertinent to competence is an abstraction of our use of language. This holds as well of (dis)confirming our theories of competence! Thus the question of how our competence manifests itself in performance is not merely of interest to psycholinguists, but in fact weighs heavily on us all. In this course, we investigate the question of how minimalist grammars can be used in sentence processing. While we will focus on understanding the 'hows' of syntactic processing, I will make effort to draw connections both into the syntactic, as well as into the empirical literature.  
**Starting date:** April 16, 2021

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### IGRA 06

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**Topic:** Topics in Phonology: Exceptional segments  
**Instructor:** Eva Zimmermann  
**Time:** Thursday, 9:15–10:45, SR H1 5.16 / NSG, S 213  
**Description:** This seminar will investigate phonological exceptionality on the segmental level. It is hence concerned with segments whose behavior is unexpected given the phonology of a language. Empirically, we will focus on exceptions to mutation patterns (e.g. exceptional triggers and undergoers for Celtic consonant mutation (Green, 2006)) and vowel harmony (e.g. exceptional undergoers of harmony in Yucatec Mayan (Krämer, 2001)). The course will compare different theories that account for exceptional segments and compare their empirical adequacy. One leading question will be whether exceptionality is a property of morphemes or of single segments.  
**Starting date:** April 15, 2021

**Topic:** Topics in Phonology: Morpho-phonological subcategorization  
**Instructor:** Nicholas Rolle (Berlin)  
**Time:** Thursday, 17:15–18:45, SR H1 5.16 / NSG, S 215  
**Description:** Subcategorization is a formalism used across theories to capture idiosyncratic properties of specific morphemes, e.g. for suppletive allomorphy, prosodic constituency, second position clitics, infixation, morphotactics, tone alignment, i.a. This course will explore the central development of this formalism, its multiple instantiations, and the phenomena it is used to capture. We will also explore alternative accounts which derive such idiosyncratic effects through other means  
**Starting date:** April 15, 2021

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## IGRA 07

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**Topic:** Topics in Morphology: Morphological Theory and the Algonquian Verb  
**Instructor:** Gereon Müller  
**Time:** Monday, 11:15–12:45, SR H1 5.16 / HSG, HS 20 and  
Tuesday, 17:15–18:45, SR H1 5.16 / NSG, S 215  
**Description:** At least since Leonard Bloomfield's Menomini Morphophonemics from 1939, the study of the Algonquian verb has figured prominently in grammatical theory. In this research-oriented seminar, we will look at relevant morphological phenomena from languages like Potawatomi, Passamaquoddy, Ojibwe, Cree, and Menomini. We will review a number of different approaches, based on different morphological theories. In addition, I hope that we can also try to determine the prospects of an approach to the Algonquian verb in terms of a new theory of inflectional morphology based on Harmonic Serialism.  
**Reading:** Will be announced at the beginning of the semester.  
**Starting date:** June 1, 2021  
Note: The class will meet twice per week, but only in the second part of the semester.

**Topic:** Topics in Morphology: Morpheme orders and morphological templates  
**Instructor:** Barbara Stiebels  
**Time:** Wednesday, 13:15–14:45, SR H1 5.16 / NSG, S 215  
**Description:** Morpheme orders often result from a complex interplay of semantic, syntactic, prosodic and morphological constraints. We will discuss the various approaches to morpheme orders and evaluate to what extent templatic approaches, which stipulate morpheme orders via arbitrary position classes, are justified. We will especially look at morpheme orders in the nominal and verbal domain: the order of derivational morphemes and number/case/ definiteness/possessor agreement in nouns, the order of pronominal affixes, tense/aspect/modality/mood, diathesis markers and lexical affixes (e.g. adverbial affixes) in the verb. We will not only focus on concatenative morphology but also discuss the role of morpheme order in non-concatenative morphology, in portmanteau morphemes and in suppletion.  
**Literature** (starting point):  
- Manova, Stela & Mark Aronoff. Modelling affix order. *Morphology* 20. 109–131.  
**Starting date:** April 14, 2021

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## IGRA 08

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**Topic:** Topics in Syntax: Topics in the syntax of argument structure  
**Instructor:** Maria Kouneli  
**Time:** Tuesday, 13:15–14:45, SR H1 5.16 / NSG, S 215  
**Description:** This is an advanced seminar on syntactic aspects of argument structure. We will read and discuss work that deals with questions like the following: How are arguments introduced and licensed in the clause? What is the relationship between the syntax of argument structure and its morphological reflexes (e.g., applicative morphemes on verbs or case morphology on nouns)? How do valency-changing operations interact with other syntactic operations, such as agreement and movement? The empirical phenomena that we will look at include valency-increasing (e.g., applicatives, causatives) and valency-decreasing operations (e.g., passives, reflexives), and data will be drawn

from a variety of language families. These specific topics also relate to larger syntactic questions (e.g., nature of thematic roles, syntax-morphology interface, selection and licensing of nominals).

- Readings:**
- Alexiadou, Artemis, Elena Anagnostopoulou & Florian Schäfer. 2015. External Arguments in Transitivity Alternations: A Layering Approach. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
  - Harley, Heidi. 2011. A Minimalist approach to argument structure. In *The Oxford Handbook of Linguistic Minimalism*, ed. Cedric Boeckx. Oxford University Press.
  - Legate, Julie Anne. 2014. Voice and v: Lessons from Acehnese. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
  - Pytkkanen, Liina. 2008. Introducing arguments. *Linguistic Inquiry Monographs*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

**Starting date:** April 13, 2021

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## IGRA 09

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**Instructor:**

**Topic:** *Visiting Professorship Course:*

**Time:** compact course:  
July, SR H1 5.16, Beethovenstraße 15

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## IGRA Colloquium

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**Instructors:** Gereon Müller & IGRA-faculty

**Time:** Wednesday, **new: 15:15–16:45**, SR H1 5.16 / NSG, S 215

**Description:** A series of guest lectures by scholars working on aspects of the interaction of grammatical building blocks. These talks are primarily for the graduate students of IGRA, but they are open to all.

[Website](#)

**Starting date:** April 2021

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## Further courses of interest

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**Topic:** Phonology reading group

**Instructor:** Jochen Trommer & Eva Zimmermann

**Time:** Monday, 17:15–18:45, SR H1 5.16 / NSG, S 215

**Description:** 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](#)

**Starting date:** April 12, 2021

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**Topic:** Formal Reading Group

**Instructor:** Gregory M. Kobele

**Time:** Wednesday, 9:15–10:45, SR H1 5.16 / NSG, S 215

**Description:** The particular topics to be covered will be negotiated on the first day of class.

**Starting date:** April 14, 2021

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**Topic:** Colloquium Linguistic Typology

**Instructor:** Barbara Stiebels

**Time:** Thursday, 11:15–12:45, SR H1 5.16 / NSG, S 213

**Description:** The colloquium provides a forum to present and discuss ongoing research in linguistic typology. Presentations and suggestions for readings are welcome. In this semester we will focus on recent, but also on classical studies on the typology of morphology.

**Starting date:** April 15, 2021

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**Topic:** Recent Work in Morphology and Syntax  
**Instructor:** Gereon Müller  
**Time:** Friday, 14:00–15:30, SR H1 5. 16 / NSG, S 215  
**Description:** 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.  
**Starting date:** April 16, 2021

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### **Important mailing lists**

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*Department of Linguistics ULeipzig:*

Mailing list "Lingtalk" for information about all linguistic events. Go to this [link](#).  
PhD students will be added automatically.