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IGRA 02, CYCLOP

Topic:	Cyclic Optimization 2
Instructor:	Gregory M. Kobele & Barbara Stiebels
Time:	Wednesday, 13:15-14:45, NSG, S 411
Description:	This course is a continuation of last semester's introduction to cyclic optimization. Instead of introducing students to cyclic optimization across various linguistic domains, we will explore a small number of case studies in more depth. Special attention will be paid to questions about the essence of cyclic optimization, examining different (sometimes non-cyclically optimizing) analyses of the same phenomenon.
Starting date:	April 6, 2022

IGRA 06

Topic:	Topics in Phonology: Tone Dissimilation
Instructor:	Jochen Trommer
Time:	Thursday, 9:15-10:45, NSG, S 411
Description:	Whereas dissimilation is not very frequent for consonants and rather rare in vowels, it is a pervasive typological process for tone, showing extensive crosslinguistic diversity. Theoretically, tone dissimilation also has played the crucial role for one of the most important and debated phonological constraints, the Obligatory Contour Principle. In this course, we look at the broad spectrum of tonal dissimilation processes including apparently morphologized versions in tonal polarity, their interaction with other phonological processes (e.g. tone spreading and shifting), and their embedding in hierarchical morphological and syntactic domains, both from a typological and theoretical perspective. Tone dissimilation is also closely related to the twin course on lexical accent systems since competition among accents in tone accent languages can also be understood as a type of dissimilation.
Starting date:	April 7, 2022

Topic:	Topics in Phonology: Lexical Accent Systems
Instructor:	Jochen Trommer
Time:	Thursday, 17:15-18:45, NSG, S 211
Description:	In lexical accent systems, morphemes carry unpredictable prominence. Thus if a word has just one underlyingly stressed morpheme, this is typically stressed However, languages resort to complex and diverse resolution strategies when there are two or more stressed morphemes in a word, based on linear order and structure.
	Further complications arise with word forms lacking stressed morphemes, languages where stress is partially predictable, and with morphemes triggering preaccentuation, postaccentuation or even deaccentuation. The focus of this course will be the broad typological spectrum of lexical accent systems and their significance for phonological and morphological theory. Besides stress accent languages (where accent/prominence corresponds to increased phonetic length, and intensity), we will also discuss related tonal accent systems like Japanese where the major correlate of accent is pitch.
Starting date:	April 7, 2022

Topic:	Topics in Phonology: Linearization in Phonology
Instructor:	Sören E. Tebay

Time:	Wednesday, 9:15-10:45, NSG, S 411
Description:	Linearization has played a crucial yet controversial role in phonological research. Whereas some approaches locate the manipulation of linear order in a grammar exclusively in the phonology (or its interfaces), other lines of research have aimed to severely restrict reordering inside phonology proper. Gradual alignment constraints and prosodically conditioned orders have been employed in the former approaches, in contrast to the latter kind, which often assume fixed pivotal positions. In this seminar, these differing perspectives will inform a discussion of several linguistic phenomena that pertain to the issue of linearization in phonology, including infixation, metathesis, boundary tones, positioning of subsegmental material, and positional markedness. Reading: Will be announced at the beginning of the semester.
Starting date:	April 13, 2022

IGRA 07

Topic:	Topics in Morphology: Linearization in Morphology
Instructor:	Gereon Müller
Time:	Tuesday, 17:15-18:45, NSG, S 127
Description:	In this seminar we will be concerned with the order of morphological exponents in a word. We will discuss approaches to variable and fixed linearization of exponents in words from the perspective of various kinds of morphological theories incorporating concepts like templates, alignment constraints, precedence constraints, and morphological movement. A particular focus will be on issues pertaining to the functional sequence (f-seq) of grammatical categories and the Mirror Principle. Reading: Will be announced at the beginning of the semester.
Starting date:	April 12, 2022

IGRA 08

Topic:	Topics in Syntax: Linearization in Syntax
Instructor:	Fabian Heck
Time:	Tuesday, 13:15-14:45, NSG, S 427
Description:	In this seminar, we will have a look at different aspects of linearization in syntax. Possible topics (among others, and depending on the participants interests) are: The LCA-theory of Kayne (1994), the theory of cyclic linearization by Fox & Pesetsky (2005), and different theories of scrambling; but perhaps also the notion of directionality, both with respect to the OV vs. VO property (e.g., Haider 2013, Sheehan, Biberauer, Roberts, Holmberg 2017) and with respect to the question whether syntactic structure is generated from bottom to top or the other way round (den Dikken 2018).
Starting date:	April 12, 2022

IGRA Colloquium

Instructors:	Gereon Müller & IGRA-faculty
Time:	Wednesday, 15:15-16:45, NSG, S 411
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.
Starting date:	April 2022

Further courses of interest

Topic: Phonology reading group
Instructor: Jochen Trommer
Time: Monday, 11:15-12:45, Bethovenstr. 15, Room H1 5.16
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 4, 2022

Topic: Colloquium on Computation
Instructor: Gregory M. Kobele
Time: Friday, 11:15-12:45, NSG, S 113
Description: We will discuss topics relevant to the computation of linguistic structures.
Starting date: April 8, 2022

Topic: Recent Work in Morphology and Syntax
Instructor: Gereon Müller
Time: Friday, 14:00-15:30, HSG, HS 20
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 8, 2022

Important mailing lists

Department of Linguistics ULeipzig:
Mailing list "Lingtalk" for information about all linguistic events. Go to this link.
PhD students will be added automatically.