

Graduate school (IGRA / CYCLOP)

Summer Term 2023

Courses open to all interested

IGRA 06, CYCLOP

Topic: Topics in Phonology: The Segmental Morphophonology of American Languages
Instructor: Jochen Trommer
Time: Thursday, 9:15-10:45, NSG, S 213
Description: In this course we discuss segmental processes in the indigenous languages of the Americas (e.g., Eskimo-Aleut, Iroquoian, Mayan Arawakan), and their significance for theoretical models of phonology. An empirical focus of the course are segment-zero alternations (epenthesis and deletion) and the phonology of pharyngeal and laryngeal features. Theoretical emphasis will be on the interaction of phonological processes with morphosyntactic structure in stratal models of morphophonology.
Readings:
- Staroverov, Peter. (2015) [t]-epenthesis revisited. the case of Apurucayali. Ms., Universität Leipzig.
- Gleim, Daniel (2021) Theoretical Implications of Directionally Asymmetric Transparency. Proceedings of AMP 2020.
- Stonham, J. (2007) Nuuchahnulth Double Reduplication and Stratal Optimality Theory. Canadian Journal of Linguistics 52(1/2):105-130.
- Elías-Ulloa, José (2009) The distribution of laryngeal segments in Capanahua. IJAL 75(2):159-206.
Starting date: April 6, 2023

Topic: Topics in Phonology: The Segmental Morphophonology of Asian Languages
Instructor: Jochen Trommer
Time: Thursday, 13:15-14:45, NSG, S 213
Description: In this course we discuss segmental processes in the languages of Asia (e.g., Uralic, Dravidian, Sino-Tibetan), and their significance for theoretical models of phonology. An empirical focus of the course are vowel harmony and gemination. Theoretical emphasis will be on the interaction of phonological processes with morphosyntactic structure in stratal models of morphophonology.
Readings:
- Christdas, Prathima (1986) On constraining the power of Lexical Phonology: Evidence from Tamil Proceedings of NELS 17.
- Kiparsky, Paul (2023) A Stratal OT perspective on vowel harmony. In Nancy Ritter and Harry v.d. Hulst (eds.), Oxford Handbook of Vowel Harmony. Oxford University Press.
- Peter Staroverov & Darya Kavitskaya (2017) Tundra Nenets consonant sandhi as coalescence The Linguistic Review 34(2):331-364.
Starting date: April 6, 2023

IGRA 07, CYCLOP

Topic: Topics in Morphology: Morphological irregularities
Instructor: Barbara Stiebels
Time: Tuesday, 9:15-10:45, NSG, S 213
Description: In this seminar we will deal with three instances of morphological irregularity: suppletion, defective paradigms and morphemes. Suppletion (e.g. *go/went* or *good/better*) is characterized by replacement of the root with a formally distinct form. Defective paradigms are characterized by gaps in their sets of forms (e.g. no past tense form of *forego*). Morphemes (e.g. Aronoff's 1994 "third stem" in Latin) or morphomic patterns involve skewed, anisomorphic relationships between linguistic form and lexical or grammatical meaning. Morphomic patterns usually lack a transparent synchronic conditioning outside the morphological system itself. The question we will address is whether we can still identify some (sub-)regular behavior in these seemingly irregular patterns (e.g. the lack of so-called ABA patterns in suppletion: *good/better/*goodest*).

Which consequences do these phenomena have for theoretical modelling? In case of interest we can also include deponency as a fourth topic.

References (for introduction):

- Aronoff, Mark. 1994. *Morphology by itself: stems and inflectional classes*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- Baerman, Matthew, Greville G. Corbett & Dunstan Brown (eds.). 2010. *Defective paradigms: missing forms and what they tell us*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Bobaljik, Jonathan David. 2015. Suppletion: Some theoretical implications. *Annual Review of Linguistics* 1. 1-18.
- Maiden, Martin. 2021. *The morphome*. *Annual Review of Linguistics* 7. 89-108.
- Veselinova, Ljuba N. 2006. *Suppletion in verb paradigms. Bits and pieces of the puzzle*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Further literature will be provided in class.

Starting date: April 4, 2023

Topic: Topics in Morphology: The morphosyntax of number

Instructor: Maria Kouneli

Time: Tuesday, 13:15-14:45, NSG, S 213

Description: In this course, we will learn about different theories of the syntax-morphology interface through the lens of phenomena pertaining to grammatical number. A non-exhaustive list of the phenomena we will discuss include: morphology of number concord in the noun phrase, number agreement on verbs (including discontinuous and multiple exponence), verbal number etc. We will examine data from a variety of non-Indo-European languages.

Starting date: April 4, 2023

IGRA 08, CYCLOP

Topic: Topics in Syntax: Building Blocks of Ellipsis

Instructor: Michael Frazier

Time: Monday, 15:15-16:45, NSG, S 213

Description: This seminar will investigate various approaches to how syntactic elements combine (both with one another and with building blocks at the interfaces) to yield silent structure in ellipsis. Explicit comparison will be drawn with other kinds of null elements. A particular focus will be on how the building blocks and derivations of elliptical structures interact with more general grammatical constraints such as cyclicity, locality, and minimality.

Starting date: April 3, 2023

IGRA Colloquium

Instructors: Gereon Müller & IGRA-faculty

Time: Wednesday, 15:15-16:45, HSG, HS 10

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: May 3, 2023

Further courses of interest

Topic: Phonology reading group
Instructor: Jochen Trommer
Time: Monday, 11:15-12:45, Beethovenstr. 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.
Starting date: April 3, 2023

Topic: Colloquium on Computation
Instructor: Gregory M. Kobele
Time: Wednesday, 9:15-13:45, NSG, S 213
Description: The topic of the colloquium will be decided on the first meeting.
Starting date: April 5, 2023

Topic: Morphology Reading Group
Instructor: Barbara Stiebels
Time: Thursday, 15:15-16:45, NSG, S 213
Description: We will read and discuss recent and/or important papers in morphology (both from a theoretical or typological perspective). Participants are invited to make suggestions for readings. In addition, everyone working on a morphological topic is invited to present his/her current work. We will fix the schedule in the first meeting. The reading group is open to everyone.
Starting date: April 6, 2023

Topic: Recent Work in Morphology and Syntax
Instructor: Fabian Heck, Maria Kouneli & Philipp Weisser
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 14, 2023