Graduate school IGRA

Winter Term 2018/19

Courses open to all interested

IGRA 02

Topic:	Interacting Building Blocks in Phonology, Morphology, and Syntax II: Excitatory and Inhibitory Simultaneous Interactions
Instructor:	Andrew Murphy, Gereon Müller & NN
Time:	Thursday, 15:15-16:45, SR H1 5.16
Description:	This course deals with the phenomena of simultaneous inhibitory (i.e.,conflict and blocking) and excitatory interaction of building blocks (i.e., cooperation) and their theoretical modelling. A special focus will lie on the implementation of Optimality Theory (OT) in Phonology, Morphology and Syntax. We will discuss extensions and modifications of OT and also look at alternative declarative models (e.g., Construction Morphology). We will also briefly deal with the role of external factors such as frequency, economy and iconicity.
References:	- Prince, Alan & Paul Smolensky. 1993. *Optimality Theory: Constraint Interaction in Generative Grammar.* Rutgers University Center for Cognitive Science Technical Report *2*. - Kager, René. 1999. Optimality theory. Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press.
Starting date:	October 18, 2018

IGRA 03

Topic:	Key Skills I: Mathematical Methods, Semantics: Compositionality
Instructor:	Gregory Kobele
Time:	Wednesday, 13:15-14.45, SR H1 5.16
Description:	This seminar will focus on the syntax-semantics interface. We will explore the Montagovian ideal of compositionality qua a homomorphism between syntax and semantics in the context of a type theoretic grammar formalism.
References:	to be announced
Starting date:	October 17, 2018

Topic:	Key Skills I: Mathematical Methods, Semantics: Lexical semantics
Instructor:	Barbara Stiebels
Time:	Wednesday, 15:15-16.45, SR H1 5.16
Description:	The course will deal with the semantics of lexical items (e.g., aktionsart and event semantics of verbs, conceptual shifts in nouns, dimensional adjectives, adpositions and similar local expressions, semantics of derivational morphology), semantic relations between lexical items (e.g., the role of synonymy and antonymy), concepts such as polysemy and vagenuess and interface properties of word meaning. In addition, various approaches to word meaning will be discussed (e.g., Bierwisch's two-level approach to meaning, Pustejovsky's Generative Lexicon, Jackendoff's Conceptual Semantics).
References:	to be announced
Starting date:	October 17, 2018

IGRA 06

Topic:	Topics in Phonology: Phonology
Instructor:	Jochen Trommer
Time:	Thursday, 17:15-18:45, SR H1 5.16
Description:	The minor goal of this course is to become familiar with the most important theoretical tools to approach the phonology of Natural languages: Distinctive Features, autosegmental and prosodic representations, ordered rules, the cycle, and violable constraints. Its major goal is to learn applying all these tools rigorously and creatively to real data from natural languages.
References:	- Kenstowicz, M. (1994) *Phonology in Generative Grammar*. Cambridge MA: Blackwell. - Kager, R. (1999) *Optimality Theory*. Cambridge University Press.
Starting date:	October 18, 2018

IGRA 07

Topic:	Topics in Morphology: Inflectional Morphology in Harmonic Serialism
Instructor:	Gereon Müller
Time:	Tuesday, 17:15-18:45, SR H1 5.16
Description:	In the first part of the seminar, I will present a series of lectures on inflectional morphology in harmonic serialism based on a forthcoming book (that will appear in 2019). Against this background, the main goal in the second part of the seminar is to determine, by looking at a variety of systems of inflectional morphology in the world's languages, whether harmonic serialism qualifies as viable research programme in this area.
Reading:	- Mueller, Gereon, Inflectional Morphology in Harmonic Serialism. Book ms., Universitaet Leipzig. (To appear 2019, Equinox Publishing, Advances in Optimality Theory.)
Starting date:	October 17, 2018

Topic:	Topics in Morphology: Morphology
Instructor:	Philipp Weisser
Time:	Friday, 11:15-12:45, SR H1 5.16
Description:	In this seminar, we will discuss the most important concepts, terms, definitions and topics in the area of morphology - both from a descriptive as well as from a theoretical viewpoint. We will try to cover prototypical as well as problematic cases for many of the definitions and/or theoretical modellings to identify their advantages and disadvantages in each case. We will further discuss how the different frameworks of morphology model the interaction with other modules of grammar. Finally, we will take a closer look at some selected case studies and see how the concepts we discussed are made use of in some recently published sources to understand how they relate to current research questions.
Starting date:	October 20, 2018

IGRA 08

Topic:	Topics in Syntax: Locality in syntactic dependencies
Instructor:	Sandhya Sundaresan, Anke Himmelreich
Time:	Monday, 11:15-12:45, SR H1 5.16
Description:	Locality is a fundamental building block of syntactic relations. The goal of this course is to investigate phenomena that are traditionally considered to be strictly local in syntax, in comparison to those that lie outside the limits (upper and lower) of such locality. As such, we will investigate empirical phenomena that bear on the following questions:

- What sorts of empirical phenomena motivate(d) the idea that syntactic relations are local? Do they form a homogenous class?
- In what ways is locality understood and formalized within a Minimalist framework (e.g. barriers, phases, or even selection-driven Merge)?
- What types of phenomena lie outside the limits of locality, and how can these be understood in local terms?:
  - empirical phenomena that lie below the lower limits of locality: involving elements that are too close together (anti-locality effects)
  - empirical phenomena that lie above the upper limits of locality: involving elements that are too far away (long-distance effects)?

Starting date: October 15, 2018

Topic:	Topics in Syntax: Incorporation and complex predicates
Instructor:	Martin Salzmann
Time:	Tuesday, 11:15-12.45, SR H1 5.16
Description:	In this course, we will look at a wide range of phenomena that involve complex predicates and have often been treated in terms of syntactic/semantic incorporation. Possible topics include (but are not limited to): - Noun incorporation - Pseudo-noun incorporation - pronoun/clitic incorporation - preposition incorporation (applicatives, pseudo-passives) - verb incorporation (e.g. causatives) - verb clusters/restructuring - resultatives - particle verbs - serial verb constructions - phrasal compounds, synthetic compounds - etc.

Starting date: October 16, 2018

Topic:	Topics in Syntax: Syntax
Instructor:	Fabian Heck
Time:	Thursday, 13:15-14.45, SR H1 5.16
Description:	This course aims at making students familiar with the most important aspects of the derivational syntactic theory often referred to as the "minimalist program" (Chomsky 1995) and modifications thereof (in particular the theory of "phases" of Chomsky 2000, 2001). We will address both the core theoretical concepts of the theory as well as their empirical (or conceptual) motivation, where possible. This also potentially comprises concepts that were proposed before Chomsky (1995) and which were incorporated into the theory (as, for instance, the concept of c-command or Larson's theory of VP-shells). Ultimately, the concrete syllabus will be set up in response to the concrete needs of the participants, which we will discuss in the first session.

Starting date: October 17, 2018

IGRA Colloquium

Instructors:	Gereon Müller & IGRA-faculty
Time:	Wednesday, 17:15-18:45, SR H1 5.16
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: November 8, 2018

Further courses of interest

Topic: The typology of mood and modality
Instructor: Barbara Stiebels
Time: Thursday, 11:15-12:45, SR H1 5.16
Description: The seminar addresses the cross-linguistic encoding and use of mood (including both verbal mood such as indicative vs. subjunctive and sentence mood such as declarative vs. imperative (and its subtypes) vs. interrogative) and modality (involving notions such as obligation, necessity, possibility, probability etc.). The linguistic encoding of these categories includes affixes, clitics, modal particles, modals, modal tags, modal adverbs etc. In the first part of the semester we will have a deeper look into properties of these categories; later, we will study their cross-linguistic distribution. We will also discuss elication techniques for modality. Possible further topics are the use of mood and modality in conditionals or embedded clauses (= mood selection), the interaction with negation, tense etc.
References: - Nuyts, Jan & Johan van der Auwera (eds.) 2016. *The Oxford handbook of modality and mood.* Oxford University Press.
- Palmer, Frank R. 2001. *Mood and Modality.* 2. edn. Cambridge University Press.
- Portner, Paul. 2009. *Modality.* Oxford University Press
- Portner, Paul. 2018. *Mood.* Oxford University Press.
Starting date: October 24, 2019

Topic: Semantics colloquium
Instructor: Gregory Kobele
Time: Monday, 15:15-16:45, SR H1 5.16
Description: The colloquium will explore themes related to the seminar 'Compositionality'.
Starting date: October 15, 2018

Topic: Phonology reading group
Instructor: Jochen Trommer
Time: Monday, 17:15-18:45, SR 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: October 15, 2018

Topic: Colloquium Linguistic typology
Instructor: Barbara Stiebels
Time: Tuesday, 15:15-16:45, SR H1 5.16
Description: In this semester we will read and discuss papers on semantic typology. Presentations on current research in typology are welcome as well. The program will be fixed at the beginning of the semester.
Starting date: October 16, 2018

Topic: Recent Work in Morphology and Syntax
Instructor: Gereon Müller
Time: Friday, 14:00-15:30, SR H1 5.16
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: October 19, 2018