Graduate school IGRA

Winter Term 2019/20

Courses open to all interested

IGRA 02

Topic:	Interacting Building Blocks in Phonology, Morphology, and Syntax II: Excitatory and Inhibitory Simultaneous Interactions
Instructor:	Gereon Müller, Ezer Rasin & Maria Kouneli
Time:	Friday, 11:15-12:45, 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 25, 2019

IGRA 06

Topic:	Topics in Phonology: Phonology
Instructor:	Eva Zimmermann
Time:	Thuesday, 9:15-10:45, 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 15, 2019

IGRA 07

Topic:	Topics in Morphology: Morphology
Instructor:	Anke Himmelreich
Time:	Wednesday, 13:15-14:45, 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 16, 2019

Topic:	Topics in Morphology: Tonal Morphology
Instructor:	Jochen Trommer
Time:	Thursday, 9:15-10:45, SR H1 5.16
Description:	In many tone languages (e.g. Maasai, Hausa, and Tonga), morphological categories are either partially or completely expressed by tone (Yip 2002:ch, 5.1, Hyman 2002). The goal of this course is a better understanding of this phenomenon, but also to use it as a magnifying lense to central phenomena of tonal phonology such as OCP- (dissimilation-) effects, opacity, downstep, or tonal underspecification, and to the morphosyntactic status of non-concatenative morphology in general. A special focus of the course are the complex tonal verb melodies of Bantu languages (Marlo 2013).
References:	- Hyman, L. M. (2011) Tone: Is it Different? In: John Goldsmith and Jason Riggle and Alan Yu (eds.) *The Handbook of Phonological Theory.* Blackwell, 197-239. - Marlo, M. R. (2013) Verb tone in Bantu languages: micro-typological patterns and research methods. *Africana Linguistica* 19:137-234. - Yip, M. (2002) *Tone.* Cambridge University Press.
Starting date:	October 24, 2019

IGRA 08

Topic:	Topics in Syntax: Types of movement
Instructor:	Gereon Müller, Andrew Murphy
Time:	Tuesday, 17:15-18:45, SR H1 5.16
Description:	Diagnosing movement is a central task of syntactic theory. By now, we have developed a set of diagnostics that allow us to classify movement dependencies into different types. However, the traditional binary distinction between A and A'-movement turns out to be somewhat coarse, with various types of movement heterogeneously showing mixed properties (e.g. Müller 1995). The goal of this seminar to reevaluate this situation and work towards a more comprehensive theory of movement types in the current theoretical climate. In particular, it is necessary to consider not just the landing site of a movement dependency (A vs. A' position), but also the type of moved element (argument vs. adjunct, nominal vs. non-nominal, overt vs. covert) and the path of movement (long vs. short, proper vs. improper). In this course of the seminar, we will review relevant literature and empirical domains that bear on this issue, with special focus also given to null operator constructions and their relation to other A'-dependencies.
References:	- Pesetksy, David. 2013. Phrasal Movement and Its Discontents: Diseases and Diagnoses. In L. L.-S. Cheng & N. Corver (eds.). *Diagnosing Syntax.* Oxford: Oxford University Press. 123-157. Advanced reading: To be annouced
Starting date:	October 15, 2019

Topic:	Topics in Syntax: Grammatical Identity Effects
Instructor:	Gregory M. Kobele
Time:	Wednesday, 9:15-10:45, SR H1 5.16
Description:	We look at constructions involving some kind of grammatically relevant similarity, and discuss their properties and possible analyses. Examples include ellipsis, Suffixaufnahme, predicate clefting, the X-or-no-X construction, etc. These patterns are typically not able to be generated with usual grammatical operations, and demand that we extend our grammatical frameworks in various ways.
Starting date:	October 16, 2019

Topic:	Topics in Syntax: Syntax
Instructor:	Imke Driemel
Time:	Friday, 9:15-10:45, 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).

Starting date: November 8, 2019

Compact course: Surface Correspondence Theory

Instructor:	Rachel Walker (U of Southern California)
Time:	1. December 4, 17:15-18:45
	2. December 5, 13:15-14:45
	3. December 6, 16:15-17:45
	4. December 7, 13:15-14:45
	SR H1 5.16
Description:	1. Consonant Harmony - Agreement by Correspondence
	2. Dissimilation - Dissimilation to avoid Correspondence
	3. Vowel Harmony - Blocking by Correspondence
	4. Tone Assimilation - Subsegmental Correspondence

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 6, 2019

Further courses of interest

Topic:	Readings in Formal Linguistics
Instructor:	Gregory M. Kobele
Time:	Monday, 9:15-10:45, SR H1 5.16
Description:	This unattached colloquium is a reading group in some domain of formal (i.e. mathematical or computational) linguistics. The precise topic, as well as the readings, will be decided during the first class meeting.
Starting date:	October 14, 2019

Topic:	Phonology reading group
Instructor:	Jochen Trommer & Eva Zimmermann
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 21, 2019

Topic:	Colloquium Linguistic typology
Instructor:	Barbara Stiebels
Time:	Thursday, 11:15-12:45, SR H1 5.16

Description: The colloquium provides a forum to present and discuss ongoing research in linguistic typology. Presentations and suggestions for readings are welcome. The program will be fixed at the beginning of the semester.

Starting date: October 24, 2019

Topic: The typology of mood and modality
Instructor: Barbara Stiebels
Time: Tuesday, 15:15-16:45, 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 15, 2019

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 25, 2019