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IGRA 06, CYCLOP

Topic:	Topics in Phonology: The typology of downstep
Instructor:	Jochen Trommer
Time:	Thursday, 9:15-10:45, NSG, S 228
Description:	Downstep is a global lowering process which does not just affect single tones or tone bearing units, but the register of virtually all involved tones following its trigger. Downstep is found in a big variety of tone languages, but also in many intonational systems such as English and German. This course will focus on the extreme diversity of downstep systems in the languages of the world, differing in the types of trigger (Low tones, High tones, prosodic boundaries, or morphological constructions), its phonetic implementation (often substantially differing even among speakers of the same language), and its interaction with other phonological processes (e.g., tone deletion, phrasing, plateauing or upstep). The practical goal is to jointly compile a typological database of downstep phenomena encoding these factors, and to evaluate the collected data patterns against different theoretical approaches to downstep.
Starting date:	October 12, 2023

Topic:	Topics in Phonology: Phonology
Instructor:	Jochen Trommer
Time:	Thursday, 13:15-14:45, NSG, S 222
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 12, 2023

IGRA 07, CYCLOP

Topic:	Topics in Morphology: Inflectional Morphology in Harmonic Serialism: New Developments
Instructors:	Gereon Müller
Time:	Friday, 14:00-15:30, HSG, HS 20
Description:	In this advanced, research-oriented seminar, we will look at the prospects of the approach to inflectional morphology in Harmonic Serialism developed in Mueller (2020) ("Inflectional Morphology in Harmonic Serialism", Sheffield: Equinox), which will be assumed as background. Prerequisites for participation: Good knowledge of harmonic serialism, different theories of inflectional morphology, and the model in Mueller (2020).
Starting date:	October 13, 2023

IGRA 08, CYCLOP

Topic:	Topics in Syntax: Grammar Development
Instructor:	Gregory Kobele
Time:	Tuesday, 11:15-12:45, NSG, S 327

Description: This course offers a hands-on introduction to grammar development using minimalist grammars. We will review mature grammar development systems and best practices in other formalisms (HPSG, LFG, TAG) before beginning with the nascent situation in minimalism. The goal is for students to familiarize themselves with tools that permit them to independently develop broad coverage analyses of their favorite language.

Starting date: October 17, 2023

Topic: Topics in Syntax: Selective (Operator) Islands
Instructors: Fabian Heck
Time: Tuesday, 13:15-14:45, NSG, S 327
Description: Chomsky (1964) notes that wh-movement out of a wh-interrogative clause is illformed in English (later to become known as the wh-island effect; cf. *What did he wonder where John put?). Similarly, wh-movement out of a clause that involves topicalization is impossible in English (topic-island effect, Rochemont 1989; cf. *What does John think that Bill Mary gave to?). Many languages other than English have been reported to also exhibit instances of such "operator-island" effects. However, it also seems to be the case that operator-island effects do not show up in a uniform manner. For instance, Bulgarian is usually assumed to not exhibit the wh-island effect (e.g., Rudin 1988). And even within one language, a category may sometimes constitute and island and sometimes not, depending on the grammatical process involved ("selective islandhood"). For instance, Fanselow (1987) claims that topicalization in German may (marginally) escape wh-islands while wh-movement may not (cf. ??Radios weiß ich nicht, wie man repariert vs. *Was für Radios weißt du nicht wie man repariert?). The aim of the present course is to learn more about the empirical landscape of selective islandhood and about theories that have been proposed to account for it. Relevant readings will be fixed in the first class (preliminary references are Fanselow 1987, Rizzi 1982, Müller & Sternefeld 1993, Boskovic 2008, Müller 2010, Keine 2016, 2020).

Starting date: October 10, 2023

Topic: Topics in Syntax: Constraints on Movement
Instructor: Gereon Müller
Time: Tuesday, 17:15-18:45, NSG, S 127
Description: In this colloquium we will be concerned with constraints on syntactic movement, from Chomsky's legendary A-over-A Principle from 1964, via the famous Subjacency Condition and the notorious Empty Category Principle, to recent concepts of phase impenetrability and anti-locality. Throughout, the concept of cyclicity will figure prominently in the analyses. We will look at empirical evidence from a variety of typologically different languages; and we will also consider approaches based on a variety of different theories of grammar (Minimalist Program, GPSG, HPSG, Optimality Theory, Gradient Harmonic Grammar).
Note: This colloquium will to some extent be based on lectures. Its main purpose is to provide background information for the two seminars of the master module *Non-local syntax*.

References: Will be announced at the beginning of the semester.
Starting date: October 10, 2023

Topic: Topics in Syntax: Reflexes of Movement
Instructor: Gereon Müller
Time: Friday, 11:15-12:45, NSG, S 127
Description: In this seminar, we will be concerned with reflexes of movement, both in base positions and in intermediate positions. These reflexes can be phonological in nature. They can also be morphological (this is probably the most widespread, and well-known, kind of reflex; arguably, it also includes the phenomenon of resumptive pronouns). They can be syntactic, in the sense that a syntactic operation is triggered that would otherwise be unexpected (like binding, stranding, or extraposition). And they can be semantic (indicating, e.g., intermediate reconstruction sites). A main focus of the seminar will be on the question of what consequences these reflexes of movement have for theories of movement.

References: Will be announced at the beginning of the semester.
Starting date: October 13, 2023

CYCLOP Colloquium

Instructors: Jochen Trommer
Time: Wednesday, 15:15-16:45, HSG, HS 11
Starting date: October 2023

Further courses of interest

Topic: Phonology reading group
Instructor: Jochen Trommer
Time: Monday, 11:15-12:45, Beethovenstr. 15, 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 9, 2023

Topic: Recent Work in Morphology and Syntax
Instructor: Philipp Weisser & Paula Fenger
Time: Monday, 13:15-14:45, **HSG, HS 18**
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.
Participants: The colloquium is open to all.
Starting date: October 9, 2023

Topic: Colloquium in Computation
Instructor: Gregory M. Kobele
Time: Wednesday, 13:15-14:45, NSG, S 103
Description: The colloquium will read papers and discuss issues related to the semantics seminar(s).
Starting date: October 18, 2023

Topic: Typology reading group
Instructor: Barbara Stiebels
Time: Thursday, 15:15-16:45, NSG, S 223
Description: We will read and discuss recent and/or important papers on linguistic typology (from a descriptive, theoretical or methodological perspective). Participants are invited to make suggestions for readings. In addition, everyone working on a typological/cross-linguistic 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: October 12, 2023

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