Graduate school IGRA

Winter Term 2016/2017

Alle Veranstaltungen sind offen für Interessenten./Courses open to all interested

IGRA 02

Instructor:	Gereon Müller, Philipp Weisser, Eva Zimmermann
Time:	Friday, 11:15-12:45, SR H1 5.16
Topic:	Interacting Building Blocks in Phonology, Morphology, and Syntax II: Excitatory and Inhibitory Simultaneous Interactions
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:	14.10.2016

IGRA 03

Instructor:	Ryan Bochnak
Time:	Wednesday, 09:15-10:45, SR H1 5.16
Topic:	Key Skills I: Mathematical Methods, Semantics: Introduction to Semantics
Description:	This course is designed to introduce students to the core principles and empirical issues addressed by formal semantics, and to familiarize them with the analytical tools involved in the investigation of this domain. The focus of this class will be truth-conditional aspects of meaning and compositional interpretation of phrases and sentences, couched within an LF-based framework (Heim & Kratzer 1998). Students will develop skills in semantic analysis and argumentation by focusing on semantic questions that arise in the analysis of a range of phenomena, including quantification, definiteness, modality, and events.
Starting date:	12.10.2016

IGRA 06

Instructor:	Jochen Trommer
Time:	Tuesday, 09:15-10:45, SR H1 5.16
Topic:	Topics in Phonology: The phonology of Vowels: Theory
Description:	In this course we discuss central alternations in the phonology of vowels: (Epenthesis and Deletion, Coalescence, Diphthongization, Reduction and Harmony) focussing on the modelling of these processes by theories of representations (features, privative elements, and geometries) and rule or constraint systems.
Starting date:	11.10.2016

Instructor:	Jochen Trommer
Time:	Tuesday, 13:15-14:45, SR H1 5.16
Topic:	Topics in Phonology: The phonology of Vowels: Data
Description:	This seminar empirically complements the seminar in the same module by taking a detailed look at the phonology of vowels in single languages, and at their crosslinguistic typology.
Starting date:	11.10.2016

IGRA 07

Instructor:	Doris Schönefeld, Martin Haspelmath
Time:	Tuesday, 15:15-16:45, SR H1 5.16
Topic:	Topics in Morphology and Syntax
Description:	In this reading seminar, we will primarily be concerned with recent work discussing the nature of speakers' morphological knowledge. From a usage-based perspective, symbolic units of any size (morpheme, word, phrase etc) are assumed to arise from the recognition of repetitive elements/ parts in usage events, the relations between them and the relations they have to other units. That means that morphological knowledge (ie knowledge of the internal structure of words) is the product of analysing words (word-based) rather than the result of learning a list of discrete meaningful elements and rules for combining them (morpheme-based). We will read papers relevant to these issues, and addressing the question how word-based and morpheme-based approaches to morphology succeed in the explanation of empirical phenomena notoriously difficult to handle in morphological theorizing (such as unique morphemes and phonaesthemes, experimental findings on stored vs computed derivatives and compounds etc). Participants can make their own suggestions for papers to be read in the seminar.
Starting date:	18.10.2016

IGRA 08

Instructor:	Martin Salzmann
Time:	Tuesday, 11:00-12:30, SR H1 5.16
Topic:	Topics in Syntax: Syntax of the noun phrase
Description:	The syntax of the noun phrase may at first sight seem unspectacular because it constitutes a much smaller and thus arguably less complex domain than the clause. However, research of the last thirty years has uncovered a wealth of intricacies that raise important questions for syntactic theory. Topics to be addressed include (but are not limited to):

- Parallels between the clausal and the nominal domain
- The cartography of the noun phrase (position of gender, number, adjectives, numerals, left periphery)
- DP or NP?
- Concord (in case and phi-features)
- Adjectival inflection
- The syntax of possessors/genitives (including possessor doubling, Status constructus etc.)
- Languages without articles
- Extraction from DP (PP-, left-branch extraction)
- Order in the noun phrase (Greenberg's Universal 20)
- Discontinuous DPs (NP-split as in German *Greifvögel mag Gereon nur Bussarde*)
- Determiner doubling (e.g. dialectal German: *ein ganz ein guter Wein*)
- The recent book *Syntax of substance* by David Adger
- etc.

Starting date:	11.10.2016

Instructor:	Gereon Müller
Time:	Tuesday, 17:15-18:45, SR H1 5.16
Topic:	Topics in Syntax: Case and Coordination
Description:	This syntax colloquium is composed of two independent parts. In the first half of the semester, we will be exclusively concerned with the theory of dependent case. We will look at the origins of the concept in lexical functional grammar, tier theory, and Marantz's work, then discuss some subsequent developments (by, e.g., McFadden, Bittner & Hale), and finally focus on more recent work, particularly on Mark Baker's new book. In the second half of the semester, we will address the peculiar empirical phenomenon of asymmetric coordination in German, as in „Dann kommt der Jaeger und faengt ihn." Based on Hoehle's original work, we will discuss various recent and not so recent approaches to the phenomenon, and we will try to find out to what extent the construction's properties can be accounted for without invoking construction-specific assumptions.
Starting date:	11.10.2016

Instructor:	Sandhya Sundaresan
Time:	Thursday, 11:15-12:45, SR H1 5.16
Topic:	Topics in Syntax: The Syntax of Person
Description:	The course is concerned with investigating the structure and representation of the PERSON category in syntax and how it interacts with other categories and operations in the syntactic derivation. Some of the questions we will be interested in exploring are: What kind of feature structure does PERSON require? Do 1st and 2nd-person form a natural class to the exclusion of 3rd-person? Is 3rd-person a real person (relatedly: are there two types of 3rd-person)? Is PERSON different from the other phi-features (NUMBER and GENDER) as far as the syntax is concerned? To this end, we will examine a series of linguistic phenomena that are sensitive to PERSON from a variety of perspectives, such as: pro-drop for subject and object, the Person Case Constraint (PCC), person-based ergativity splits and agreement asymmetries (e.g. Baker's SCOPA, pre-verbal vs. post-verbal agreement in languages like Arabic, unagreement phenomena), person hierarchy effects and person-based syncretism patterns, (apparent) referential mismatches (e.g. fake indexicals, imposters, indexical shift) and other potential restrictions on reference (including the Anaphor Agreement Effect), and clusivity.
Starting date:	13.10.2016

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:	12.10.2016

Further courses of interest

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. for more information consult: http://www.uni-leipzig.de/~zimmerma/lesegruppe.html
Starting date:	17.10.2016

Topic:	Neuere Arbeiten zur Grammatiktheorie (Colloquium theory of grammar)
Instructor:	Gereon Müller
Time:	Friday, 14:00 – 16:00, SR H1 5.16
Starting date:	14.10.2016

Important websites

Department of Linguistics ULeipzig:

Events (workshops, conferences):	http://www.uni-leipzig.de/~asw/?nav=forschung/events&lang=en
Lectures:	http://igra.philol.uni-leipzig.de/en/events/igra-colloquium/
Colloquia:	https://igra.philol.uni-leipzig.de/veranstaltungen/weitere-kolloquien/

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.