

LING 580E/F Problems in Linguistics: Locality Autumn 2008

Meeting Time: Wednesdays 3:30-5:50 pm
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Course Description:

This seminar examines issues regarding locality from the perspective of recent minimalist theory. We will consider locality in what traditionally have been called A and A-bar domains, as well as the interaction between them. The phenomena we will look at will include (but are not limited to) object shift, scrambling, passivization (focusing on double object constructions), raising, and long distance movement.

Prerequisites: LING 508 (or permission of instructors)

Course Materials:

There is no textbook for this course. The readings (to be completed before class) involve a selection of articles to be made available electronically, either through UW's library or on the course website. This is a reading intensive course; be prepared to read 100-150 pages per week.

Requirements:

Successful completion of this course will depend on the following:

active participation	10%
abstract + bibliography	20%
'journal'	10%
2 Presentations	30%
Final Paper	30%
Total	100%

Schedule and Readings (subject to change)

I. Sept 24 Introduction. Locality in Chomsky's 'On Phases'

Chomsky, Noam. 2008. On Phases. In *Foundational Issues in Linguistic Theory: Essays in Honor of J-R. Vergnaud*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

Boeckx, C. & K. Grohmann. 2007. Remark: Putting Phases in Perspective. *Syntax* 10.2:204-222.

Rizzi, Luigi. 2001. Relativized Minimality. In M. Baltin & C. Collins (eds), *The Handbook of Contemporary Syntactic Theory*, 89-110. Oxford: Blackwell.

II. Oct 1 Locality in A-movement: Types of applicatives

Pylkannen, Liina. 2002. *Introducing Arguments*. Chapters 1 and 2. MIT dissertation.

McGinnis, Martha. 2000. Phases and the Syntax of Applicatives. In *Proceedings of NELS 31*, ed. by Min-Joo Kim & Uri Strauss, 333-349. GLSA Publications, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

McGinnis, Martha. 2001. Variation in the Phase Structure of Applicatives. *Linguistic Variation Yearbook* 1: 105-146.

III. Oct 8 Locality in A-movement: symmetric and asymmetric passives

Gerds, Donna. and Martha. McGinnis 2004. A phase theoretic analysis of Kinyarwanda multiple applicatives. In *Proceedings of the 2003 CLA Annual Conference*, ed. Sophie Burelle & Stanca Somesfalean, 154-165.

McGinnis, Martha. 2005. UTAH at Merge: evidence from multiple applicatives. In *MITWPL 49: Perspectives on Phases*, ed. Martha McGinnis and Norvin Richards, 183-200. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.

Doggett, Teal Bissell. 2004. All things being unequal: locality in movement. MIT dissertation. Chapter 3.

Cuervo, Christina. 2003. Datives at Large. MIT dissertation. Chapter 3. (optional)

IV. Oct 15 Object Shift

Fox, Danny and David Pesetsky. 2004. Cyclic Linearization of Syntactic Structure. *Theoretical Linguistics* 31.1-45.

Rackowski, Andrea and Norvin Richards. 2005. Phase Edge and Extraction: A Tagalog Case Study. *Linguistic Inquiry* 36(4):565-599.

V. Oct 22 Scrambling

Saito, Mamoru. 2003. A Derivational Approach to the Interpretation of Scrambling Chains. *Lingua* 113:481-518.

Miyagawa, Shigeru. 2005. EPP and Semantically Vacuous Scrambling. *The Free Word Order Phenomenon*, ed. by J. Sabel & M. Saito, 181-220. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.

Ko, Heejeong. 2007. Asymmetries in Scrambling and Cyclic linearization. *Linguistic Inquiry* 38.1:49-83.

VI. Oct 29 Locality in Quantifier Raising: Frozen Scope in DOC

Bruening, Benjamin. 2001. 'QR Obeys Superiority: Frozen Scope and ACD.' *Linguistic Inquiry* 32: 2, 233-273.

Johnson, Kyle. 2004. 'Clausal edges and their effects on scope,' In D. Adger et al. (eds.), *Peripheries: Syntactic Edges and their Effects*, 289–311.

ABSTRACTS AND BIBLIOGRAPHY DUE

VII. Nov 5 Islands

Stepanov, Arthur. 2007. The End of CED? Minimalism and Extraction Domains. *Syntax* 10.1:80-126.

Kishimoto, Hideki. 2005. *Wh*-in-situ and Movement in Sinhala Questions. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 23.1:1-51.

VIII. Nov 12 Successive Cyclic Movement

Chomsky, N. 2001. On Phases.

Franks, Steven. & James Lavine. 2006. Case and Word Order in Lithuanian. *Journal of Linguistics* 42:239-288.

Bošković, Željko 2007. On the Locality and Motivation of Move and Agree: An Even More Minimal Theory. *Linguistic Inquiry* 38.4:589-644.

IX. Nov 18 Locality in A-movement: Raising

Holmberg, Anders and H. Hróarsdóttir. 2003. 'Agreement and Movement in Icelandic raising constructions,' *Lingua* 113: 997–1019.

Boeckx, Cedric. 2008. *Aspects of the Syntax of Agreement*. Chapters 8 and 9.

X. Nov 26 Anti-Locality

Abels, Klaus. 2002. *Successive Cyclicity, Anti-locality, and Adposition Stranding*. UConn Dissertation. Chapters 1 and 2.

Grohmann, Kleanthes. 2003a. 'Successive Cyclicity under (Anti)-Local Considerations,' *Syntax* 6.3: 260-312.

Grohmann, Kleanthes. 2003b. 'Symmetries in Locality,' In Claudia Maienborn, ed. *(A)symmetrien — (A)symmetries*. Tübingen: Stauffenberg, 139-170.

XI. Dec 5 Student Presentations

XII. Dec 9 (TUESDAY) FINAL PAPERS DUE

Disability Accommodations: To request special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Disabled Student Services as soon as possible 448 Schmitz, Box 355839, tel. 543-8924, <uwdss@u.washington.edu>. If you already have a letter from Disabled Student Services indicating that you have a disability requiring academic accommodations, please let me see this letter as soon as possible. No retroactive accommodations will be given.

Academic Honesty: As a student at the University of Washington, you are expected to be honest in all of your academic work. Instances of alleged academic dishonesty will be reported. When in doubt, consult the UW Student Conduct Code.