Ling 580: Symmetry in Syntax?

Meeting Time: Tuesdays 3:30-5:50
Location: Sav 326

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Course Description:

In this course, we will explore symmetry in syntax from a generative perspective. While there has been a lot of attention in the literature on asymmetric and antisymmetric aspects of syntax, symmetric aspects have been largely ignored, or claimed to be outright non-existent. This begs the question of how symmetric syntax really is, and if the answer is yes, how to account for the symmetry in syntax. To tackle these questions, we will look at constructions that at various times have been analyzed as symmetric (such as coordination or small clauses), languages that at various times have been analyzed as being inherently more symmetric than English (the so-called nonconfigurational languages), and syntactic operations that at various times have been analyzed as symmetry (or shape) preserving (symmetric passives, object shift and Holmberg's Generalization, multiple wh-fronting).

Requirements:

Weekly readings and active participation	20%
Presentation of a journal article/book chapter	20%
Presentation of final project	20%
Final Paper	40%
(due during the finals week)	

*Prerequisites***:**   LING 508 or my permission.

Textbook: There is no textbook for this course. The readings are journal articles and book chapters, available in the library or on reserve.

Course Website: http://faculty.washington.edu/bcitko/index_files/LING580symmetry.html

Course Outline:

The course outline is subject to change.
The readings marked with an asterisk are optional.

Week	Topic(s)	Reading(s) *(readings marked with an asterisk are optional)* *The links are to papers freely available on the web.*
I	*Course Overview (Brief) Primer on (Recent) Minimalism*	Chomsky, N. 2001. Beyond Explanatory Adequacy. In MIT Occasional Papers in Linguistics 20. Cambridge, MA: MITWPL, pp. 1-17.
II	*Antisymmetry and Dynamic Antisymmetry*	Kayne, R. 1994. The Antisymmetry of Syntax. Chapters 1-2 and 4. Moro, A. 2000. Dynamic Antisymmetry, pp. 15-49 * Chomsky, N. 1995. The Minimalist Program, pp.335-340.
III	*Symmetric Constructions? (Small Clauses)*	Den Dikken. M. 2006. Realtors and Linkers. Selected Chapters. Citko, 2006. Small Clauses: Not so small and not all alike. Ms.
IV	*Symmetric Languages? (Nonconfigurationality Parameter)*	* Hale, K. 1983. Warlpiri and the grammar of non-configurational languages. Natural Language and Linguistic Theory 1, 5-47. Legate, J. 2003 Reconstructing Nonconfigurationality. In *Selected Papers from the Asymmetry Conference*, John Benjamins
V	*Movement as Shape Preservation Preservation: Part I*	Fox and Pesetsky, 2004. Cyclic Linearization of Syntactic Structure. *Theoretical Linguistics* 31.1-2, 1-46. Ko, H. 2005. Asymmetries in Scrambling and Cyclic Linearization, ms., SUNY-Stony Brook.
VI	*Responses to Fox and Pesetsky*	Fox, D. and D. Pesetsky. 2004. Reply to the responses. *Theoretical Linguistics* 31.1-2, 235-262. And **ONE** paper from the following list (all in *Theoretical Linguistics 31. 1-2)*: Anagnostopoulou, Elena 2004. Holmberg's Generalization and Cyclic Linearization. Remarks on Fox and Pesetsky Bobaljik, J. 2004. Re: CycLin and the role of PF in Object Shift Diesing, M. 2004. Some Remarks on Fox and Pesetsky: ''Cyclic Linearization of Syntactic Structure'' Holmberg, A. 2004. Linearization in two ways. Müller, G. 2004. Remarks on cyclic linearization and order Preservation. Nilsen, Ø. 2004. Some notes on cyclic linearization. Sells, P. 2004. Comments on Object Shift and Cyclic Linearization Surányi, B. 2004. Object Shift and linearization at the PF interface. Svenonius, P. 2004. How Phonological is Object Shift? Williams, E. 2004. A Note on ''Cyclic Linearization''
VII	*Movement as Shape Preservation Part II*	Richards, M. 2004. Object Shift and Scrambling in North and West Germanic: A Case Study in Symmetrical Syntax. Ph.D. dissertation, University of Cambridge. Chapters 1 and 2. Williams, E. 2003. Representation Theory. Chapters 1 and 6.
VIII	*Symmetric Labels?*	Citko, B. 2006. Missing Labels. Unpublished manuscript Collins, C. 2002. Eliminating Labels. In Samuel Epstein and

		Daniel Seely (eds.), Derivation and Explanation in the Minimalist Program. Blackwell.
		Seely, D. 2006. Merge, derivational C-command, and subcategorization. In C. Boeckx (ed). Minimalist Essays, pp. 182-217). Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins Publishing Company.
IX	*Final Presentations*	