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

Meeting Time: Wednesdays 3:30-5:50 pm
Location: THO 217

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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:

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Schedule and Readings (subject to change)

I. Sept 24   Introduction. Locality in Chomsky’s ‘On Phases’


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


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


IV. Oct 15   Object Shift


V. Oct 22    Scrambling

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


**ABSTRACTS AND BIBLIOGRAPHY DUE**

VII. Nov 5   Islands


VIII. Nov 12  Successive Cyclic Movement


IX. Nov 18   Locality in A-movement: Raising


X. Nov 26   Anti-Locality


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

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