Syllabus

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Time: Wed 3:30-5:50
Location: MGH 282

Overview and objectives:
This seminar examines certain types of relative clauses from a theoretical, typological, and diachronic perspective. Particular attention is given to asymmetries between subject and non-subject relativization strategies, which interact with other aspects of the derivation of relative clauses in a number of ways. One of these is finiteness. Object relativization in many languages is possible only in nonfinite relatives, especially those built on nominalizations or participles. Another way in which subject/object asymmetries are manifested is in phenomena such as “wh-agreement” or “anti-agreement”. In addition to these subject/object asymmetries, this seminar will also consider topics of more general interest like word order, especially differences between pre- and post-nominal relative clauses, as well as internally headed relative clauses.

Requirements: Successful completion of this course will depend on the following.

Preparation and class participation: 10%
Participation in Discussion Board: 10%
Presentation: 20%
Literature Review: 25%
Final Paper: 35%

Preparation and class participation:
Students are expected to attend all class meetings, to have read the assigned readings, and to participate in class discussions.

Participation in Discussion Board:
Students are expected to make at least one entry on the Canvas discussion board before each class meeting. Posts are due one hour before class begins.
Presentation:
For the presentation, students will present a summary of their final research paper.

Literature Review:
Students will write a critical review of three or more syntax articles that can be incorporated into their final papers.

Final Paper:
Students will write an original research paper on a syntactic topic of interest to them within the framework of Generative Grammar. Work on the paper must be exclusively your own, and you must give appropriate citations for any resources you consult, including online resources. You are required to include appropriate citations for any resources you consult. Please familiarize yourself with the following information concerning student conduct and academic honesty.


Similar information can be found at the following link by navigating to “What is academic misconduct?” on the side menu.

http://www.washington.edu/uaa/advising/at-the-uw/not-doing-well/

Course Schedule

Note: This schedule is TENTATIVE and subject to change as necessary.

9/30 Introduction

10/7 Nominalized relative clauses

10/14 Approaches to relativization
Hulsey, Sarah and Uli Sauerland. 2006. Sorting out Relative Clauses. Natural Language Semantics 14:111-137. (sec. 1, 2, 4 - sec. 3 optional)
10/21  **Participial relative clauses**
*Lingua* 121:1164-1193.

10/28  **Other reduced relatives**
Bhatt, Rajesh. 1999. *Covert Modality in Nonfinite Contexts*. PhD dissertation, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. (chapter 2 only)
*Lingua* 121. 1569–1587.

11/2  **LITERATURE REVIEWS DUE**

11/4  **Wh-agreement**

11/11  **HOLIDAY – NO CLASS**

11/18  **Kakari-musubi**

11/24  **Anti-agreement (Class on Tuesday!)**

12/2  **Wrap-Up**

12/9 PRESENTATIONS

12/14 FINAL PAPERS DUE