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Lexical-Functional Grammar

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Lexical-Functional Grammar (LFG) is a nontransformational generative theory of syntax. It is based on parallel autonomous representations of surface syntactic structure and surface grammatical functions and an active lexical component. The course will discuss the conceptual content of LFG and its formalisms, and will examine how familiar syntactic constructions are analyzed.

Course Outline

- I. Concepts and Formalism
 - A. Introduction to Lexical-Functional Grammar [Chapter 1]
 1. Lexical
 2. Functional
 3. Grammar
 - B. Formal Architecture of the Theory: C-structure and \bar{X} Theory [Chapter 2]
 - C. Formal Architecture of the Theory: F-structure [Chapter 3]
 1. Grammatical Functions
 2. The Mapping between C-structure and F-structure
 - D. Formal Architecture of the Theory: A-structure and Lexical Mapping Theory [Chapter 4]
 1. Passive
 2. Unaccusatives
- II. Basic LFG Analyses
 - A. Control [Chapter 5]
 1. Anaphoric Control
 2. Functional Control
 3. Equi and Raising
 - B. Long Distance Dependencies (“*Wh* Movement”) [Chapter 6]
 - C. Anaphora [Chapter 7]
- III. More Detailed Analyses (seminar papers / final exam)
- IV. Summary [Chapter 8]

Textbook

Falk, *Lexical-Functional Grammar: An Introduction to Parallel Constraint-Based Syntax*.

Course requirements

Homeworks 50%

Final take-home exam 50%

(NOTE: Students taking this course are strongly encouraged to write a seminar paper. See course website for details.)

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Course: <http://pluto.mssc.huji.ac.il/~msyfalk/LFG/> (including useful LFG links)

Word-processing ideas: <http://pluto.mssc.huji.ac.il/~msyfalk/Tools.html>