In wh-type constructions, a single element bears multiple grammatical functions. This multifunctionality is usually modeled formally as movement from the canonical position of one function to the canonical position of the other function. In this course we will explore the properties of these constructions through a direct representation of multifunctionality, without movement. We will explore islands, pied-piping, the existence of empty categories, in-situ questions, externally- and internally-headed relative clauses, accessibility, parasitic gaps, and more.

Course Outline

I. Wh-type Constructions and Multifunctionality
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   D. Direction of Licensing
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IV. Grammatical Functions
   A. Subjects
   B. Accessibility
V. Islands
VI. “In-Situ” Constructions and “Partial Movement”
VII. Relative Clauses
VIII. Parasitic Gaps

Course requirements
Term project
for students taking the course as a seminar: Seminar paper

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