

36820 Grammatical Functions

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“Grammatical functions” are notions like “subject” and “object”. This course will examine the role of grammatical functions in syntactic description and their place in linguistic theory through the investigation of a wide range of constructions (passive, raising, control, *wh* constructions, predication, etc.).

Course Outline

1. Passive
 - a. Universal Characterization: Grammatical Functions
 - b. Grammatical Functions and the Lexicon
 - c. Monostratal vs. Multistratal
2. What are Grammatical Functions?
3. Multifunctionality
 - a. Functional Control
 - b. Long-Distance Dependencies (“*Wh* Movement”)
4. Subjects
5. Objects
6. Classification of Grammatical Functions
 - a. Argument vs. Non-Argument; Core vs. Non-Core; Unrestricted vs. Restricted
 - b. Lexical Mapping Theory
7. Clausal Complementation
 - a. OBJ
 - b. COMP
 - c. COMP and OBJ
 - d. OBJ and OBL
 - e. Open Argument Functions

Requirements

End-of-year short paper

Students taking the course as a seminar will also write a seminar paper.

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