Ling 6510: Readings & Research in Syntax
Fall 2008, Mon 1:30 – 4:30
Office hours: By appointment

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Readings & class participation
- Participation in abstract writing workshop (details to come later)
- 3 30-45 min presentations: one paper from each of Topics A, B, C; detailed handout required.
- Term paper (your own work): come up with topic by Nov 10; final paper due **December 9, 2008.**

A NOTE ON THE READINGS

One aspect of this course is to learn how to deal with the extensive amount of literature that exists on almost every topic in linguistics by now. To practice effective reading, I have included several works on each topic and you should aim at covering as much of these readings as possible. Do not attempt to read all the assigned readings carefully. Do, however, try to skim all the works and get a sense of what the main theoretical contribution of each article is, what empirical generalizations the authors put forward, what the basic proposals are, and how the analyses fit into different broader theories and frameworks. This might be hard at the beginning, but it will get easier with practice.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Aug 23	**Reconstruction** Fox, Danny. 1999. Reconstruction, binding theory, and the interpretation of chains. *Linguistic Inquiry* 30:157-196. Barss, Andrew. 2001. Syntactic reconstruction effects. In *The Handbook of Contemporary Syntactic Theory*, ed. by Mark Baltin and Chris Collins. Oxford: Blackwell. Review [Syntax 2]: Bobaljik, Jonathan David. 2002. A-chains at the PF-interface: Copies and 'covert' movement. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 20.2:197-267.
Sep 1	**Labor Day — No class**
Sep 8	**Economy** Collins, Chris. 1994. Economy of derivation and the Generalized Proper Binding Condition. *Linguistic Inquiry* 25.1:45–61. Collins, Chris. 1997. *Local Economy*. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press. [Ch. 1-2] Bobaljik, Jonathan D and Susi Wurmbrand. 2008. Word order and scope: Transparent interfaces and the 3/4 signature. Ms., University of Connecticut, Storrs. Available at: http://ling.auf.net/lingBuzz/000723 Overview: Collins, Chris. 2001. Economy Conditions in Syntax. In *The Handbook of Contemporary Syntactic Theory*, ed. by Mark Baltin and Chris Collins. Oxford: Blackwell. Review [Syntax 2]: Fox, Danny. 1995. Economy and scope. *Natural Language Semantics* 3:283-341.
Sep 15	***Wh*-movement, cycle** Richards, Norvin. 1999. Featural cyclicity and the ordering of multiple specifiers. In *Working Minimalism*, ed. by Samuel David Epstein and Norbert Hornstein, 127-158. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press. Bošković, Željko. 2002. On multiple wh-fronting. *Linguistic Inquiry* 33.3:351-383. Abels, Klaus. 2003. Successive cyclicity, anti-locality, and adposition stranding, Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Connecticut, Storrs. [Ch. 2]

READING LIST

	Review [Syntax 2]: Chomsky, Noam. 1995. *The Minimalist Program*. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press. Chomsky, Noam. 2000. Minimalist inquiries: The framework. In *Step by step: Essays on minimalist syntax in honor of Howard Lasnik*, ed. by Roger Martin, David Michaels, and Juan Uriagereka, 89-155. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press.
Sep 22 Sep 29	**Student presentations #1 (Topic A) — No auditors!**
Oct 6	**Covert dependencies** Bošković, Željko. 1998. LF Movement and the Minimalist Program. In *Proceedings of the North Eastern Linguistics Society Annual Meeting 28* (NELS 28), ed. by Pius Tamanji and Kiyomi Kusumoto, 43-57. Amherst: University of Massachusetts, GLSA. Fox, Danny and Jon Nissenbaum. 1999. Extraposition and Scope: a case for overt QR. In *Proceedings of the 18th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* (WCCFL 18), ed. by Sonya Bird, Andrew Carnie, Jason D. Haugen, and Peter Norquest, 132-144. Somerville, Mass: Cascadilla Press. Wurmbrand, Susi. 2008. Word order and scope in German. Ms., University of Connecticut, Storrs. Available at: http://ling.auf.net/lingBuzz/000722 Review [Syntax 1]: Fox, Danny. 2003. On Logical Form. In *Minimalist syntax*, ed. by Randall Hendrick, 82-123. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers.
Oct 13	**Agree(ment)** Polinsky, Maria and Eric Potsdam. 2001. Long distance agreement and topic in Tsez. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 19.3:583-646. Bobaljik, Jonathan David and Susi Wurmbrand. 2005. The domain of agreement. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 23.4:809-865. Şener, Serkan. 2008. Non-Canonical Case Licensing is Canonical: Accusative subjects of CPs in Turkish. Ms., University of Connecticut, Storrs. Review [Syntax 2]: Bošković, Željko. 2007. On the locality and motivation of Move and Agree: An even more minimal theory. *Linguistic Inquiry* 38.4:589-644.
Oct 20	**Linearization** Kayne, Richard. 1994. *The antisymmetry of syntax*. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press. Wilder, Chris. 1999. Right node raising and the LCA. In *Proceedings of the 18th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* (WCCFL 18), ed. by Sonya Bird, Andrew Carnie, Jason D. Haugen, and Peter Norquest, 586-598. Somerville, Mass: Cascadilla Press. An, Duk-Ho. 2007. Syntax at the PF Interface: Prosodic Mapping, Linear Order, and Deletion, Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Connecticut, Storrs. [Ch. 3-4] Review [Syntax 2]: Fox, Daniel and David Pesetsky. 2005. Cyclic Linearization of Syntactic Structure. *Theoretical Linguistics* 31.1-2:1-46.
Oct 27 Nov 3	**Student presentations #2 (Topic B) — No auditors!**
Nov 10 Nov 17	**Abstract workshop**
Nov 24	**Thanksgiving break**
Dec 1	**Student presentations #3 (Topic C) — No auditors!**

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Topic A: Locality domains (ECP, government, subjacency)

Chomsky, Noam. 1976. Conditions on rules of grammar. *Linguistic Analysis* 2:303-351.

Rizzi, Luigi. 1980. Violations of the WH-island constraint in Italian and the subjacency condition. *Journal of Italian Linguistics* 1/2:157-195.

Aoun, Joseph, Norbert Hornstein, and Dominique Sportiche. 1981. Some aspects of wide scope quantification. *Journal of Linguistic Research* 1.3:69-96.

Belletti, Adriana and Luigi Rizzi. 1981. The Syntax of "ne": Some theoretical implications. *The Linguistic Review* 1:117-154.

Kayne, Richard. 1981. ECP extensions. *Linguistic Inquiry* 12.1:93-133. [Reprinted in: Kayne, Richard. 1984. *Connectedness and binary branching*. Dordrecht: Foris Publications.]

Kayne, Richard. 1983. Connectedness. *Linguistic Inquiry* 14:223-249. [Reprinted in: Kayne, Richard. 1984. *Connectedness and binary branching*. Dordrecht: Foris Publications.]

Huang, C.-T. James. 1982. Logical relations in Chinese and the theory of grammar, Ph.D. Dissertation, MIT, Cambridge, Mass. [Chapters 6-7]

Lasnik, Howard and Mamoru Saito. 1984. On the nature of proper government. *Linguistic Inquiry* 15:235-289.

Torrego, Esther. 1984. On inversion in Spanish and some of its effects. *Linguistic Inquiry* 15.1:103-129.

Chomsky, Noam. 1986. *Barriers*. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press. [Chapters 5-7]

Rudin, Catherine. 1988. On multiple questions and multiple WH fronting. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 6.4:445-501.

Rizzi, Luigi. 1990. *Relativized minimality*. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press. [Chapter 1]

Epstein, Samuel David. 1992. Derivational constraints on A'-chain formation. *Linguistics Inquiry* 23.2:235-259.

Takahashi, Daiko. 1995. Minimality of movement, Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Connecticut, Storrs. [Distributed by: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics, Cambridge, Mass.] [Chapters 1-3]

Richards, Norvin. 1998. The principle of minimal compliance. *Linguistic Inquiry* 29:599-629.

The following works have been added this year as they serve as background readings for Takahashi's lectures:

Huang, C. T. James. 1984. On the Distribution and Reference of Empty Pronouns. *Linguistic Inquiry* 15.4:531-574.

Otani, Kazuyo and John Whitman. 1991. V-raising and VP-ellipsis. *Linguistic Inquiry* 22:345-358.

Oku, Satoshi. 1998. A Theory of Selection and Reconstruction in the Minimalist Perspective, Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Connecticut, Storrs. [Chapters to be determined]

Kim, Soowon. 1999. Sloppy/strict identity, empty objects, and NP ellipsis. *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* 8.4:255-284.

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Topic B: Phrase structure, Θ-theory, Case

Chomsky, Noam. 1970. Remarks on nominalizations. In *Readings in English transformational grammar*, ed. by Roderick Jacobs & Peter Rosenbaum, 184-221. Washington: Georgetown University Press.

Grimshaw, Jane. 1979. Complement selection and the lexicon. *Linguistic Inquiry* 10.2:279-326.

Williams, Edwin. 1980. Predication. *Linguistic Inquiry* 11:203-338.

Stowell, Tim. 1981. The origins of phrase structure, Ph.D. Dissertation, MIT, Cambridge, Mass. [Ch. 3]

Hale, Ken. 1983. Warlpiri and the grammar of non-configurational languages. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 1:5-47.

Manzini, Rita. 1983. On control and control theory. *Linguistic Inquiry* 14:412-446.

Zaenen, Anne, Joan Maling, and Höskuldur Thráinsson. 1985. Case and grammatical functions: The Icelandic passive. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 3:441-483.

Fukui, Naoki and Margaret Speas. 1986. Specifiers and projection. In *Papers in theoretical linguistics*, ed. by Naoki Fukui, T. R. Rapoport, and Elizabeth Sagey, 128-172. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 8. Cambridge, Mass: MIT, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, MITWPL.

Belletti, Adriana. 1988. The case of unaccusatives. *Linguistic Inquiry* 19.1:1-34.

Larson, Richard K. 1988. On the double object construction. *Linguistic Inquiry* 19:335-391.

Sportiche, Dominique. 1988. A theory of floating quantifiers and its corollaries for constituent structure. *Linguistic Inquiry* 19:425-449.

Pollock, Jean-Yves. 1989. Verb movement, Universal Grammar and the structure of IP. *Linguistic Inquiry* 20:365-424.

Speas, Margaret. 1990. *Phrase structure in natural language*. Dordrecht: Kluwer. [Chapters 1-2]

Belletti, Adriana and Luigi Rizzi. 1991. Notes on psych-verbs, θ-theory, and binding. In *Principles and parameters in comparative grammar*, ed. by Robert Freidin, 132-162. Cambridge: MIT Press.

Chomsky, Noam. 1991. Some notes on the economy of derivation and representations. In *Principles and parameters in comparative grammar*, ed. by Robert Freidin, 417-454. Cambridge: MIT Press.

Johnson, Kyle. 1991. Object positions. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 9:577-636.

Larson, Richard K. 1991. Promise and the theory of control. *Linguistic Inquiry* 22:103-139.

Marantz, Alec. 1991. Case and licensing. In *Proceedings of the Eighth Eastern States Conference on Linguistics (ESCOL '91)*, ed. by German Westphal, Benjamin Ao, and Hee-Rahk Chae, 234-253. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University, CLC Publications.

Sigurðsson, Halldór Ármann. 1991. Icelandic case-marked PRO and the licensing of lexical arguments. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 9:327-364.

Travis, Lisa deMena. 1991. Parameters of phrase structure and verb-second Phenomena. In *Principles and parameters in comparative grammar*, ed. by Robert Freidin, 339-364. Cambridge: MIT Press.

Chomsky, Noam. 1993. A Minimalist Program for linguistic theory. In *The view from Building 20: Essays in linguistics in honour of Sylvain Bromberger*, ed. by Ken Hale and Samuel Jay Keyser, 1-52. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press.

Bobaljik, Jonathan David and Dianne Jonas. 1996. Subject Positions and the Roles of TP. *Linguistic Inquiry* 27:195-236.

Bobaljik, Jonathan David and Höskuldur Thráinsson. 1998. Two heads aren't always better than one. *Syntax* 1.1:37-71.

Bošković, Željko and Daiko Takahashi. 1998. Scrambling and Last Resort. *Linguistic Inquiry* 29.3:347-366.

Topic C: Binding and quantification

Lasnik, Howard. 1976. Remarks on coreference. *Linguistic Analysis* 2:1-22.

May, Robert. 1977. The grammar of quantification, Ph.D. Dissertation, MIT, Cambridge. [Chapters 1-2]

Chomsky, Noam. 1980. On binding. *Linguistic Inquiry* 11:1-46.

Chomsky, Noam. 1981. *Lectures on government and binding*. Dordrecht: Foris. [Chapter 3]

Freidin, Robert and Howard Lasnik. 1981. Disjoint reference and wh-trace. *Linguistic Inquiry* 12.1:39-53.

Reinhart, Tanya. 1981. Definite NP anaphora and c-command domains. *Linguistics Inquiry* 12.4:605-635.

Chomsky, Noam. 1982. *Some concepts and consequences of the theory of Government and Binding*. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press. [Chapter 5]

Koopman, Hilda and Dominque Sportiche. 1982. Variables and the Bijection Principle. *The Linguistic Review* 2:139-161.

Higginbotham, James. 1983. Logical Form, binding, and nominals. *Linguistic Inquiry* 14.3:395-420.

Reinhart, Tanya. 1983. Coreference and Bound Anaphora: A Restatement of the Anaphora Questions. *Linguistics and Philosophy* 6:47-88.

Barss, Andrew. 1986. Chains and anaphoric dependence: On reconstruction and its implications, Ph.D. Dissertation, MIT, Cambridge, Mass. [Chapter(s) TBA]

Chomsky, Noam. 1986. *Knowledge of language*. New York: Praeger. [Chapter 3; focus on section 5]

Reinhart, Tanya. 1986. Center and Periphery in the Grammar of Anaphora. In *Studies in the Acquisition of Anaphora*, ed. by Barbara Lust, 123-150. Dordrecht: Reidel.

Aoun, Joseph and Audrey Li. 1989. Scope and constituency. *Linguistic Inquiry* 20.2:141-172.

Heim, Irene, Howard Lasnik, Robert May. 1991. Reciprocity and Plurality. *Linguistic Inquiry* 22:61-102.

Lasnik, Howard. 1991. On the necessity of binding conditions. In *Principles and Parameters in Comparative Grammar*, ed. by Robert Freidin, 7-28. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press.

Diesing, Molly. 1992. *Indefinites*. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press. [Chapters 2-3]

Grodzinsky, Yosef and Tanya Reinhart. 1993. The innateness of binding and coreference. *Linguistic Inquiry* 24.1:69-102.

Huang, C.-T. James. 1993. Reconstruction and the structure of VP: Some theoretical Consequences. *Linguistic Inquiry* 24.1:103-138.

Reinhart, Tanya and Eric Reuland. 1993. Reflexivity. *Linguistic Inquiry* 24:657-720.

Fox, Danny. 1995. Economy and scope. *Natural Language Semantics* 3:283-341.

Lebeaux, David. 1995. Where does binding theory apply? In *Papers in Syntax, Syntax-Semantics Interface and Phonology*, ed. by Ricardo Echepare and Viola Miglio, 63-88. University of Maryland Working Papers in Linguistics 3. College Park: UMWPiL.

Cole, Peter and Chengchi Wang. 1996. Antecedents and blockers of long-distance reflexives: The case of Chinese *ziji*. *Linguistic Inquiry* 27.3:357-390.

McCawley, James D. 1996. The focus and scope of only. In *Discourse and meaning: Papers in honor of Eva Hajičová*, ed. by Barbara H. Partee and Petr Sgall, 171-193. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins Publishing Company.

Reinhart, Tanya. 1997. Quantifier Scope: How Labor is Divided Between QR and Choice Functions. *Linguistics and Philosophy* 20.4:335-397.

Fox, Danny. 1999. Reconstruction, binding theory, and the interpretation of chains. *Linguistic Inquiry* 30:157-196.