

UPenn – Department of Linguistics

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1 Practical issues

- credit requirements:
 - regular attendance
 - active participation
 - read the assigned papers
 - presentation of (an earlier stage of) the term paper: roughly 20min + questions, with handout/slides, at the end of the semester
 - grade composed of:
 - * 5 written assignments in the first half of the semester (40%), typically involving data analysis/various exercises, potentially also questions related to a paper; released on Thursday, due next Tuesday before class (working with other students is o.k, but solutions have to be handed in individually, preferably in electronic form; use latex for trees etc.)
 - * short open book exam after 2/3 of the semester (20%)
 - * write a term paper (deadline: end of May/beginning of June) (40%)
- all material can be found on canvas; lectures will be recorded

2 Goals

- get an overview of A'-related phenomena
- understand the major theoretical issues
- learn to read original papers
- learn to analyze complex data sets
- learn to develop your own research questions

3 Background reading

- general syntax intro: Adger (2003): chapters 8–10
- intro Minimalist syntax: Hornstein et al. (2005): chapters 5,6,7,9,10
- another intro: Sportiche et al. (2014)

4 Topics (draft)

- CP-layer (basics): Adger (2003: 8.1; 9.1–9.4)
 - what is the head of the clause: selection + distribution
 - T-to-C-movement
 - subject clauses
 - wh-movement: evidence for movement
 - doubly-filled comps
 - V2 = V-to-C-movement

- split-CP/cartography
 - more fine-grained structure of the left periphery: Rizzi (1997) vs. Abels (2012a)
 - wh-movement vs. topicalization
 - embedded V2
 - alternatives to cartography
 - information structure and triggers: Fanselow & Lenertová (2011)
 - differences between local and long-distance movement: as an argument that different positions are involved (in favor of cartography)
- long-distance movement:
 - empirical evidence for successive cyclicity: reflexes of movement: McCloskey (1990), McCloskey (2000), McCloskey (2002), Urk & Richards (2015); Georgi (2017), Urk (2019)
 - implementation of successive-cyclicity: Attract vs. Greed vs. phase-balance; cyclic Agree: Bošković (2007), Heck & Müller (2007),
 - which phases are there? Uniform vs. punctuated paths: Fox (1999), Legate (2003), Sauerland (2003), Abels (2012b)
 - strict cycle condition
- A'-movement: on unifying different construction types
 - properties of A'-movement: Chomsky (1977),
 - differences between A and A'-movement: Mahajan (1990), Urk (2015: chapter 2), Safir (2019), Keine (2019)
 - differences between the various A'-constructions: Postal (1994), Cinque (1990), Lasnik & Stowell (1991)
 - mixed types: Urk (2015: chapter 2)
- locality constraints: Müller (2011: 9-62)
 - classical Ross islands: Ross (1967)
 - subjacency
 - ECP barriers: Chomsky (1986)
 - CED: Müller (2010)
 - superiority, relativized minimality/Minimal Link Condition: Rizzi (1990), Müller (2004), Müller (2011)
 - PIC: Chomsky (2000), Chomsky (2001), Abels (2012b)
 - Williams cycle, improper movement: Müller (2014a)
 - economy constraints: Sternefeld (1997), Müller & Sternefeld (2001), Müller (2006)
 - left-branch extraction: Bošković (2005), Bošković (2016), Branagan (2018)
 - weak islands:
- remnant movement
 - representational vs. derivational approaches: Müller (1996), Müller (2015)
 - Müller-Takano generalization
 - Barss' generalization: Heck & Assmann (2014)
- LF-syntax:
 - Quantifier raising, scope, ACD: Bruening (2001), Fox (2002), Fox (2003), Wurmbrand (2018)
- long-distance agreement: Polinsky & Potsdam (2001), Branigan & MacKenzie (2002), Bhatt (2005), Legate (2005), Bobaljik & Wurmbrand (2005), Keine (2019),

- alternatives to regular A'-movement
 - resumption/base-generation: Aoun et al. (2001), McCloskey (2002), van Urk (2018)
 - (cyclic) Agree: Adger & Ramchand (2005), Legate (2005)
 - wh-in situ: perhaps something on Beck effects - Korean? manetta 2010? aoun and li 1993? Cole and hermon 1998? - dayal 2017? Beck (1996), Pesetsky (2000), Kotek (2016), Kotek (2017),
 - partial movement, scope marking, wh-copying: Felser (2001, 2004)
 - prolepsis-based A'-constructions: Salzmänn (2017)

- special A'-constructions
 - relative clauses: Bhatt (2002), Henderson (2007), Donati & Cecchetto (2011), Sichel (2014), Salzmänn (2017)
 - clitic left-dislocation: Cinque (1990)
 - parasitic gaps
 - tough-movement: Řezáč (2006), Keine & Poole (2017)
 - rightward movement: Buring & Hartmann (1997), Fox & Nissenbaum (1999), Hunter & Frank (2014), Bruening (2018)

- Architectural issues
 - single output syntax vs. separate LF-branch, PF-movement: Nissenbaum (2000), Pesetsky (2000), Sauerland & Elbourne (2002)
 - copy theory of movement: what determines which copy is spelled out? Nunes (2004), Bobaljik (2002)
 - linearization: LCA and its alternatives: Kayne (1994), Fox & Pesetsky (2005), Abels & Neeleman (2012)

- negation: Zeijlstra (2004), Zeijlstra (2016)
 - NegP
 - negative concord: Luc & Daniel (1994), Zeijlstra (2004)
 - neg-raising: Collins & Postal (2017)
 - NPI-licensing
 - negative indefinites: Zeijlstra (2011)

- binding, logophors: Reinhart & Reuland (1993), Reuland (2001), Bruening (2014), Charnavel & Sportiche (2016)
- head-movement Arregi & Pietraszko (2019)
- reconstruction/late merger: Fox (1999), Takahashi & Hulsey (2009)
- free word order in the middle field
 - object shift
 - scrambling: movement: Japanese or neeleman and van der koot?: Heck & Himmelreich (2017)
 - scrambling: base-generation: Fanselow (2001)

- adjuncts: hierarchy: Cinque (1999)
- Rule ordering in syntax: derivational vs. representational approaches: Georgi (2014)
- Sharing constructions: ATB-movement, cf. Citko (2005), Salzmänn (2012)

5 Program

01.21.2021	Basics: CP-structure, T-to-C-movement, wh-mvt:	Adger chapter 8.1; 9.1–9.4 release assignment 1
01.26.2021	Split CP:	Rizzi (1997) (omit sections 8-9,11-12)
01.28.2021	movement and information structure: 4,6,2,7)	Fanselow & Lenertová (2011) (omit sections release assignment 2
02.02.2021	successive cyclic mvt – evidence:	Urk & Richards (2015) (omit section 7)
02.04.2021	Which XPs are phases? Uniform vs. punctuated paths:	Abels (2012b: 15-52) release assignment 3
02.09.2021	successive cyclic mvt – implementation:	Bošković (2007) (omit sections 3.3 and 6.2)
02.11.2021	A'-movement vs. A-movement	Urk (2015: 23-37) release assignment 4
02.16.2021	locality 1: Classic constraints/Constraints in the Principles and Parameters approach:	Müller (2006: 32-80)
02.18.2020	locality 2: Constraints in the Principles and Parameters approach/Transderivational constraints in the Minimalist Program?	Müller (2006: 93-111)
02.23.2021	locality 3: Transderivational constraints in the Minimalist Program/Differences between different types of A'-movement	Müller (2006: 93-111); Postal (1994: 159-171)
02.25.2021	Remnant Movement 1: Müller (1996: 355-364,372-384,388-392); Müller (2015: 60-65), Müller (2014b: 99-108)	release assignment 5
03.02.2021	Remnant movement 2	
03.04.2021	locality 4: CED-effects and the PIC:	Müller (2010) (omit everything from 5.2)
03.09.2021	locality 5: LBC and anti-locality; contextual phase-hood/edge-hood:	Bošković (2016) (omit 4.1 and appendix)
03.16.2021	QR, ACD and superiority	Bruening (2001) (omit sect. 5.7 and 7)
03.18.2021	wh-in-situ, intervention effects	Kotek (2017)(omit 3.3, 4), [Kotek (2016)(omit 4.2)]
03.23.2021	architecture: separate LF-cycle or single output syntax:	Nissenbaum (2000: 95-148); omit 113-118, 124-130
03.25.2021	Long-distance agreement:	Polinsky & Potsdam (2001) (omit sections 2 and 3, 5.2)
04.01.2021	resumption:	Aoun et al. (2001) (sect. 7 optional)
04.06.2021	relative clauses 1	Salzmann (2017: 6-16;34-48;55-63;77-81)
04.08.2021	relative clauses 2	
04.13.2021	Neg-raising	Collins & Postal (2017) (omit sections 9–11)
04.15.2021	linearization 1: copy theory of movement:	Nunes (2004: 7-43) (1.42 optional)
04.20.2021	linearization 2: word order:	Abels & Neeleman (2012) (omit sect. 4 & all from 5.2.2)
04.22.2021	Binding and c-command	Bruening (2014) (omit sections 4; 5.4–5.5; 6; 8)
04.27.2021	presentations	<i>Christine & Xin</i>
04.29.2021	presentations	<i>May & June</i>

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