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The syntax of the noun phrase may at first sight seem unspectacular because it is a much smaller and thus arguably less complex domain than the clause. However, research of the last thirty years has uncovered a wealth of intricacies that raise important questions for syntactic theory. Topics to be addressed include (but are not limited to):

- Parallels between the clausal and the nominal domain
- The cartography of the noun phrase (position of gender, number, adjectives, numerals, left periphery)
- DP or NP?
- Concord (in case and phi-features)
- Adjectival inflection
- The syntax of possessors/genitives (including possessor doubling, Status constructus etc.)
- Languages without articles
- Extraction from DP (PP-, left-branch extraction)
- Order in the noun phrase (Greenberg's Universal 20)
- Discontinuous DPs (NP-split as in German *Greifvögel mag Gereon nur Bussarde*)
- Determiner doubling (e.g. dialectal German: *ein ganz ein guter Wein*)
- The recent book *Syntax of substance* by David Adger
- etc.