

**University of Leipzig, Department of Linguistics**  
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**Advanced topics in German syntax**

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## **1 Practical issues**

- part of MA-module 04-046-2016 (Syntax: nicht-lokale Prozesse) and IGRA08 (topics in syntax)
- credit requirements:
  - MA: ‘Projektarbeit’ = term paper (in one of the 3 courses)
  - PhD: no specific requirements (but your squib may be related to this course)
  - everyone who intends to take the course for credit is expected to present one article during the seminar
- regular attendance and preparation of the lectures is expected
- punctuality is appreciated
- no use of mobile phones during class
- required qualifications: solid background in formal syntax, see <http://home.uni-leipzig.de/heck/kurse.ss.17.htm>; textbook: Adger (2003)
- the class does not presuppose any knowledge of German nor does it presuppose any knowledge about German syntax

## **2 Goals**

- Understand which aspects of German syntax make it theoretically challenging
- Get a better understanding of a number of theoretically relevant phenomena and relate them to similar constructions in other languages
- develop a coherent formal fragment of German syntax during the semester

## **3 Background reading**

- somewhat outdated: Grewendorf (1988), Stechow and Sternefeld (1988)
- modern but somewhat idiosyncratic: Sternefeld (2006), Haider (1993, 2010)
- classics: Drach (1937), Thiersch (1978)

## **4 Possible topics (suggestions welcome!)**

- The relationship between verb second and verb last sentences: Drach (1937), Thiersch (1978), den Besten (1983), Reis (1985), Stechow and Sternefeld (1988)
- Verb second (and its alternatives): Müller (2004), Zwart (2001), Fanselow (2009), Müller (2010)
- verbs that fail to undergo verb second, cf. Vikner (2005)

- The articulation of the clause structure: is there a separate TP projection or even a topic projection, cf. Sabel (2000), Frey (2004, 2006*a*), or does the entire middle field correspond to VP, cf. Haider (2010)?
- Triggers for movement to the prefield: Information structure or just formal fronting: Frey (2006*a*), Frey (2006*b*), Fanselow and Lenertová (2011)
- Cases where the prefield is doubly filled: Müller (2017)
- Remnant movement and its constraints: Müller (1998), Hinterhölzl (2002), Fanselow (2002), Müller (2014), Müller (2015)
- Scrambling: movement vs. base-generation (Heck and Himmelreich (2017), Fanselow (2001)? Markedness Müller (1999)
- Extraposition: syntax or PF? movement or base-generation? Buring and Hartmann (1997), Haider (1997)
- Variants of long-distance movement: partial movement and the copy construction: Felser (2001, 2004), Barbiers et al. (2010)
- Extraction from verb second clauses: Reis (1995), Müller (2010)
- The verbal complex: complex heads Haider (2003), Wurmbrand (2007); IPP-effect Schmid (2005); the scandal construction Vogel (2009) etc.
- NP-splits: Ott (2015)
- Contrastive Left-dislocation: Ott (2014)
- Focus particles and modal particles: Buring and Hartmann (2001), Reis (2005), Meyer and Sauerland (2009); Struckmeier (2014), Bayer et al. (2016)
- OV vs. VO: Zwart (1994), Barbiers (2000)
- Special constructions, e.g. emphatic topicalization in Bavarian etc.

## 5 Program

- No class on Oct 31
- last class before Christmas on December 19, first in 2018 on January 9

10.10.2017	Intro1: topological model	<i>Martin</i>
17.10.2017	Intro2: verb second, articulation of the clause structure (VP, TP etc.)	<i>Martin</i>
24.10.2017	Movement to the prefield: Frey (2006 <i>a</i> )	<i>Martin</i>
07.11.2017	multiple pre-fields: Müller (2017)	<i>Christina</i>
14.11.2017	Remnant movement (Müller 2015)	<i>Limor</i>
21.11.2017	Scrambling 1: Fanselow (2001)	<i>Bilal</i>
28.11.2017	Scrambling 2: Heck and Himmelreich (2017)	<i>Marie-Luise</i>
05.12.2017	Extraposition: Buring and Hartmann (1997)	<i>Matthias</i>
12.12.2017	Modal particles and wh-movement (Bayer et al. 2016)	<i>Katja</i>
19.12.2017	Alternatives to long-distance movement: Felser (2004)	<i>Elena</i>
09.01.2018	Left-dislocation: Ott (2014)	<i>Hyunjung</i>
16.01.2018	Verbal Complex: Wurmbrand (2007)	<i>Johanna</i>
23.01.2018	focus particles: Reis (2005)	<i>Annika</i>
30.01.2018	NP-splits: Ott (2015)	<i>Fatoş</i>

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