

Advanced topics in German syntax WS 2017/18

In this seminar, we will tackle some of the toughest nuts of German syntax. This includes topics like:

- Verb second (and its alternatives): den Besten (1983), Müller (2004), Zwart (2001)
- The relationship between verb second and verb last sentences: (Reis (1985))
- The articulation of the clause structure: is there a separate TP projection or even a topic projection, cf. Frey (2004), Frey (2006), 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, Fanselow and Lenertová (2011)
- Cases where the prefield is doubly filled: Müller (2017)
- Remnant movement and its constraints: Müller (1998)
- Scrambling: movement (Heck and Himmelreich (2017) or base-generation (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), Felser (2004)
- Extraction from verb second clauses: Reis (1995), Müller (2010)
- The verbal complex: complex heads Haider (2003) vs. stacked VPs 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), Bayer et al. (2016)
- Emphatic topicalization in Bavarian

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