

## **Theoretical and psycholinguistic approaches to case and word order**

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### **1 Practical issues**

- MA-module 04-046-2035 (language in focus): 2 seminars (Tue/Fr) + Colloquium (to be announced) → the 2 seminars form a unit/are not independent!
- IGRA07/08 (topics in morphology/syntax)
- credit requirements:
  - MA: 'Projektarbeit' = term paper
  - 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
- please register for the moodle course where you find the reading material:  
<https://moodle2.uni-leipzig.de/course/view.php?id=17685>
- 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)
- solid background in psycholinguistics

### **2 Goals**

- become familiar with the most important theoretical aspects of case and word order
- become familiar with the major psycholinguistic questions that arise in the processing of case and word order
- understand where grammar and processing interact (e.g. grammaticalization of processing strategies)

### **3 Background reading**

- handbook: Malchukov and Spencer (2009)
- typology: Blake (2001)
- theory: Bobaljik (2008), Baker (2015)
- psycholinguistic: Hawkins (2004), Bader and Bayer (2006), Bader and Lamers (2008)

## 4 Possible topics

### 4.1 Ambiguity

- syntactic ambiguities/syncretism, disambiguation and reanalysis:
  - subject-subject ambiguities: Bader and Meng (1999)
  - object-object ambiguities: Bader et al. (2000), Hopf et al. (1998)
  - for a summary of ambiguities: Bader and Bayer (2006: chapter 4)
- case and grammatical function: Skopeteas et al. (2012)
- case attraction (in grammar and parsing): Bader and Bayer (2006: chapter 5); Bianchi (2000), Spyropoulos (2011), Deal (2016*a*), Georgi and Salzmänn (2017)
- case and superiority: Fanselow (2004), Haider (2004), Müller (2004), Häussler et al. (2015), Häussler et al. (2018)
- word order and base order of arguments: Fanselow et al. (2016); Müller and Sternefeld (1994), Müller (1999), Bruening (2010)
- case hierarchy: Caha (2009), Caha (2013)

### 4.2 Special cases

- morphological vs. abstract case: Legate (2008)
- structural vs. oblique cases: Wegener (1991), Vogel and Steinbach (1998), Bayer et al. (2001), Woolford (2006)
- preposition vs. case: Baker and Kramer (2014)
- ergative vs. accusative languages: Müller (2009), Markman and Grashchenkov (2012), Baker (2014), Deal (2016*b*, 2017), Polinsky et al. (2012)
- quirky subjects: Zaenen et al. (1985)
- genitive of negation: Matushansky (2010)

### 4.3 Case in interaction

- differential object marking: Ormazabal and Romero (2013), Kalin and Weisser (2017), Bány (2018); Hopp and León Arriaga (2016), Chamorro et al. (2016)
- global case splits: Georgi (2012)
- case stacking and movement: Levin (2017)
- how case interacts with A'-movement

### 4.4 Various theoretical issues

- Structure-based vs. frequency/expectation based parsing
- theories of case: Agree vs. dependent case: Baker and Vinokurova (2010), Baker (2014)
- modeling the relationship between case and word order: Neeleman and Weerman (1999), Müller (2002)

## 5 Program

- no class on May 1st
- no class on May 4 (retreat)

10.04.2018	Intro 1: Theoretical approaches to case	Martin
13.04.2018	Intro 2: Psycholinguistic approaches to case	Jana
17.04.2018	Subject-object ambiguities: Bader and Meng (1999)	all
20.04.2018	Structural vs. oblique case: Bayer et al. (2001: 465-492)	all
	object-object asymmetries: Bader et al. (2000)	all
24.04.2018	Case attraction 1 (processing): Bader and Bayer (2006: chapter 5)	all
27.04.2018	Case attraction 2 (theory): Bianchi (2000: 53–71)	all
08.05.2018	Superiority 1 (theory): Müller (2004)	all
11.05.2018	Superiority 2 (processing): Häussler et al. (2018)	all
15.05.2018	Dative-accusative order 1 (theory): Bruening (2010)	all
18.05.2018	Dative-accusative order 2 (processing): Häussler and Bader (2012)	all
22.05.2018	Quirky subjects 1 (theory): Zaenen et al. (1985)	all
25.05.2018	Quirky subjects 2 (processing): Temme and Verhoeven (2016)	all
29.05.2018	Dependent Case theory: Baker and Vinokurova (2010)	all
01.06.2018	Unaccusativity (processing): Friedmann et al. (2008)	all
05.06.2018	Ergativity 1 (morphological): Baker (2014)	Johanna
08.06.2018	Ergativity 2 (syntactic): Deal (2016b)	Christina
12.06.2018	Ergativity 3 (processing): Polinsky et al. (2012)	all
15.06.2018	Differential object marking 1 (theory 1): Bárány (2018: 1–35)	Daniel
19.06.2018	Differential object marking 2 (processing 1): Hopp and León Arriaga (2016)	all
22.06.2018	Differential object marking 3 (theory 2): Ormazabal and Romero (2013)	Elena
26.06.2018	Differential object marking 4 (processing 2): Chamorro et al. (2016)	all
29.06.2018	Russian Case: Matushansky (2010)	Masha
03.07.2018	Case stacking: Levin (2017)	Hyunjung
06.07.2018	Preposition vs. Case: Baker and Kramer (2014)	all

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