Introduction to Generative Syntax
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Abstract

In this course, participants are introduced to the foundations of generative syntax within the Chomskyan framework. The objective is to help students develop and refine their ability to formalize analyses of concrete linguistic phenomena within one of the most influential syntactic frameworks, as well as to understand the criteria for sound theory building. Following an introduction to the core concepts of the Minimalist Program - particularly those concerning structure building, movement, agreement, and case assignment - the course traces the development of the framework from its predecessors to the early stages in the 1980s until its current formulations. The course concludes with an exploration of comparative syntax, examining how the framework accounts for variation both across and within languages.