

The Syntax and Semantics of Event Structure

offered for PhD students in the Doctoral School for Linguistics

Spring 2023

Course Description

Our goal in this course will be to learn about fundamental questions regarding the syntax and semantics of verbal event structure. In our weekly meetings we will discuss chapters written by leading scholars of the topic of the course.

Grading Policy

Your grade will be based on how you lead the discussion of the two chapters that you are assigned in Week 1.

Attendance

In addition to our weekly meetings, you will also be required to attend *at least three talks* in the International Workshop on Maximalization Strategies in the Event Domain so that you can successfully complete the requirements for this course.

Weekly Syllabus

Background

Week 1

Levin & Rappaport Hovav (2005) Chapters 1 and 2 (pp. 7-50)

Discussion led by Éva Kardos

Week 2

Levin & Rappaport Hovav (2005) Chapters 3 and 4 (pp. 51-130)

Discussion led by Éva Kardos

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Week 3

Williams (2015): Chapter 2 (pp. 23-44)

Discussion led by Éva Kardos

Week 4

Filip (1999): Chapters 1 and 2 (pp. 3-72)

Discussion led by

Week 5

Filip (1999): Chapter 3 (pp. 81-148)

Discussion led by

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Week 6

Borer (2005): Chapters 1 and 2 (pp. 3-65)

Discussion led by

Week 7

Borer (2005): Chapters 3 and 4 (pp. 69-120)

Discussion led by

Week 11

Borer (2005): Chapters 5 and 6 (pp. 121-181)

No class meetings from Week 8 to Week 10

Week 8

Good Friday

Week 9

Spring break

Week 10

International Workshop on Maximalization Strategies in the Event Domain

Resultatives

Week 12

Beavers (2012)

Discussion led by

Week 13

Wechsler (2005)

Discussion led by

Week 14

Mateu (2012)

Discussion led by

References

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- Borer, Hagit. 2005. *Structuring Sense Volume 2: The Normal Course of Events*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Filip, Hana. 1999. *Aspect, Eventuality Types and Nominal Reference*. New York: Garland.
- Levin, Beth & Malka Rappaport Hovav. 2005. *Argument realization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Mateu, Jaume. 2012. Conflation and incorporation in resultatives. In Violeta Demonte & Louise McNally (eds.), *Telicity and Change of State in Natural Language: Implications for Event Structure*, 252-278. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Wechsler, Stephen. 2005. Resultatives under the ‘event-argument homomorphism’ model of telicity. In Nomi Erteschik-Shir & Tova Rapoport (eds.), *The Syntax of Aspect*, 255-273. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Williams, Alexander. 2015. *Arguments in Syntax and Semantics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Place and Time

Room 36

Friday 8:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

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