

Overt and Covert Subjects in Embedded Sentences	BMA-ANGD17-CNy10a/9
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Time & place	Fri 12:30-14:00, R442

Note: There is no class on September, 20 (sport day) and November, 1 (national holiday)

Overview. The course aims to discuss the major existing approaches to non-finite clausal complementation, focusing on the problem of the nature of embedded subjects. Considering and comparing data from English and other languages, we will talk about such topics as the notion of finiteness, raising vs. control, null categories, PRO, and DP / PRO distribution.

Students are expected to have some prior knowledge on clause structure, IP / CP. In preparation for the course students are encouraged to go through Basic English Syntax with Exercises (Newson et al. 2006), Ch. 6, Ch. 7.

Requirements. Attendance plus occasional short in-class quizzes plus a final in-class quiz.

Attendance. No more than two absences will be tolerated.

Readings

Books:

Basic English Syntax with Exercises (Newson et al. 2006)

Control in Generative Grammar (Landau 2013) – *our primary reading*

Papers:

Bondaruk, Anna. 2006. The licensing of subjects and objects in Irish non-finite clauses. *Lingua* 116:874–894.

Harley, Heidi. 2000. Irish, the EPP and PRO. Ms. University of Arizona, Tuscon.

Sundaresan, Sandhya, and Thomas McFadden. 2009. Subject distribution and finiteness in Tamil and other languages: selection vs. case. *Journal of South Asian Linguistics* 2 (1).

Additional papers will be recommended during the term.