

Approaches to Reflexive Pronouns and Reflexivity

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Time & place

Wednesday, 15:30 - 17:00, R326

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Overview. The course aims, on the one hand, to create a historical perspective and to go through seminal works on the topic. On the other hand, it emphasizes the importance of acknowledging complexity of the term reflexivity and pays attention to more recent papers about different manifestations of reflexivity in various languages, including the so-called reflexive voice.

Requirements. Students are expected (i) to give an in-class presentation of a paper from the list of readings, and (ii) to write a short essay either commenting on a paper / papers discussed in class or presenting a set of relevant data from a language not considered in class and analysing it using one of the discussed approaches.

In-class presentation: 45 minutes max. plus discussion

Essay: 4 – 8 pages, 12 pt.

Attendance. No more than two (and half) absences will be tolerated.

Topics

1. Government and Binding Theory and its limitations [Truswell 2014]
2. Complementarity and connectivity; Reinhart and Reuland's approach [Pollard & Sag 1992; Reinhart & Reuland 1993]
3. Syntactic and semantic binding [Grodzinsky & Reinhart 1993]
4. Bruening's "Precede-and-Command Revisited" [Bruening 2014; Zwart 2015]
5. Morphosyntax of reflexives [Déchaine & Wiltschko 2002]
6. Syntactic vs lexical reflexivization [Reinhart & Siloni 2005]
7. Reflexive voice [Labelle 2008; Ahn 2011]
8. Reciprocal voice [Bruening 2006]
9. Typology of pronouns [Kiparsky 2002]
10. Logophors and intensifiers [Koenig and Siemund 2000]

Readings

Primary

- Déchaine, Rose-Marie, and Martina Wiltschko. 2002. Decomposing pronouns. *Linguistic Inquiry* 33/3. 409-442.
- Grodzinsky, Yosef, and Tanya Reinhart. 1993. The Innateness of Binding and Coreference. *Linguistic Inquiry* 24. 69-102.
- Kiparsky, Paul. 2002. Disjoint reference and the typology of pronouns. In *More than Words*, ed. by Ingrid Kaufmann and Barbara Stiebels, 179-226. Berlin: Akademie Verlag.
- Labelle, Marie. 2008. The French reflexive and reciprocal se. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 26. 833-876.
- Pollard, Carl, and Ivan A. Sag. 1992. Anaphors in English and the Scope of Binding Theory. *Linguistic Inquiry* 23.2. 261-303.
- Reinhart, Tanya, and Eric Reuland. 1993. Reflexivity. *Linguistic Inquiry* 24. 657-720.
- Truswell, Robert. 2014. Binding theory. In *Routledge Handbook of Syntax*, ed. by Carnie, Andrew, Yosuke Sato, and Daniel Siddiqi, 214-238. Abingdon: Taylor & Francis.
- Zwart, Jan-Wouter. 2015. Precede-and-command revisited. *Language* 91(3). 169-178.

Readings for in-class presentation

- Bruening, Benjamin. 2006. *The Morphosyntax and Semantics of Verbal Reciprocals*. Ms., University of Delaware.
- Bruening, Benjamin. 2014. Precede-and-command revisited. *Language* 90.2. 342-88.
- Koenig, Ekkehard, and Siemund, Peter. 2000. Intensifiers and Reflexives: A Typological Perspective. In *Reflexives: Forms and Functions*, ed. by Zygmunt Frajzyngier and Traci S. Curl, 41-74. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Reinhart, Tanya, and Tal Siloni 2005. The lexicon-syntax parameter: reflexivization and other arity operations, *Linguistic Inquiry* 36.3. 389-436.

Additional readings (books)

- Chomsky, Noam. 1981. *Lectures on Government and Binding*. 1st ed. Dordrecht: Foris Publications.
- Buring, Daniel. 2005. *Binding Theory*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Reinhart, Tanya. 1983a. *Anaphora and semantic interpretation*. London: Croom Helm.
- Reuland, Eric. 2011. *Anaphora and Language Design*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- Rooryck, Johan, and Guido J. vanden Wyngaerd. 2011. *Dissolving Binding Theory*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Safir, Ken. 2004. *The Syntax of Anaphora*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.