

Approaches to control phenomena
Course description
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Time: Mon 10.00-11.30
Venue: Room 442

The course focuses on control phenomena: the problems that emerge in connection with the different types of empty categories and their acquisition and the way they have been accounted for in theoretical linguistics. Special emphasis will be placed on the movement theory of control leading to an analysis of control that is very similar to raising and a potential reduction of the different types of empty categories. The importance of the topic lies in the fact that studying these constructions and different accounts targeting them provide an excellent window into the way generative approaches to grammar work. Through the data and analyses discussed, students can master important aspects of syntactic argumentation as well.

The readings for the course will be provided by the instructor.

Grading will be based on

- a handout prepared for one of the book chapters/papers discussed in class **or** a max. 2-page abstract that can potentially be submitted to next year's Budapest LINGuistics Conference (BLINC2017);
- an endterm exam sample prepared by the students with worked-out solutions(!) **or** a home essay related to course content (8-10 pages) that can be turned into a TDK paper.

More than three absences will not be tolerated.

Readings: selected chapters from the following books:

- Boeckx, Cedric, Norbert Hornstein and Jairo Nunes (2010) *Control as Movement*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Davies, William D. and Stanley Dubinsky (2008) *New Horizons in the Analysis of Control and Raising*. Dordrecht: Springer.
- Davies, William D. and Stanley Dubinsky (2004) *The Grammar of Raising and Control*. Oxford: Blackwell.
- Duffley, Partick (2014) *Reclaiming Control as a Semantic and Pragmatic Phenomenon*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing Company.
- Hornstein, Norbert (1999) Movement and Control. *Linguistic Inquiry*. **30**. 69–96.
- Landau, Idan (2013) *Control in Generative Grammar*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Lyngfelt, Benjamin (2009) Control phenomena In: Östman Jan-Ola and Jef Verschueren *Handbook of Pragmatics: 2009 Installment*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing Company. pp. 33–49.
- Newson, Mark, Marianna Hordós, Dániel Pap, Krisztina Szécsényi, Gabriella Tóth and Veronika Vincze (2006) *Basic English Syntax with Exercises*, HEFOP, Budapest: Bölcsész Konzorcium.