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 constuctions 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 LINgusitics Conference (BLINC2017);
- an endterm exam sample prepared by the students with worked-out solutions(1) 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: