Course overview

WEEK 1: locality in the history of Chomskyan generative grammar
- the A-over-A condition of Chomsky (1964)
- Ross's (1967) island conditions (CNPC, Sentential Subject Constraint, Coordinate Structure Constraint, Left Branch Condition, Right Roof Constraint (*avant la lettre*))
- the Tensed-S Condition or Propositional Island Condition (PIC)
- the Subjacency Condition and cyclic/bounding nodes; from 'Conditions on transformations' (Chomsky 1973) via 'On *wh*-movement' (Chomsky 1977) to *LGB* (Chomsky 1981)
- *Barriers* (Chomsky 1986) as the epitome of generative locality theory

WEEK 2: from GB to minimalism
- (anti-)locality and the Vacuous Movement Hypothesis (Chomsky 1986, Den Dikken 2006b)
- types of A′–dependencies: movement *vs* binding, and island sensitivity (Cinque 1990)
- the *phase* (Chomsky 2000–2004)
- the (alleged) evidence that *v*P is a phase but TP is not a phase (Legate 2003)
- phase extension (Den Dikken 2006a)

WEEK 3: successive-cyclicity
- the Phase Impenetrability Condition, and the role of 'edges' (Chomsky 2000–2004)
- cyclic linearisation, and escape hatching as an artifact thereof (Fox & Pesetsky 2004)
- is a stopover in SpecCP *ever* necessary under extraction from embedded clauses? — the view from Tree Adjoining Grammar (TAG) (Frank 2002, 2005)
- if yes, is a stopover in SpecCP *always* necessary under extraction from embedded clauses? (Rackowski & Richards 2005 on Tagalog, Den Dikken 2005 on Hungarian)
- overview of the major findings, and concluding remarks

NB   this course focuses on locality of Agree and Move/Attract; it will not address in any detail the locality conditions on binding (developed from the NIC and the SSC into the Binding Principles of *LGB*) or control, even though these conditions may turn out to be (partially) reducible to the locality conditions on Agree and Move/Attract (cf. Hornstein's work on control as movement, and Chomsky's suggestion in *MPLT*, building on Pica's work, that anaphoric dependencies are movement dependencies; see also Kayne's movement-based analysis of pronominal anaphora)

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