

44948 Wh-Movement WITHOUT Movement

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It is often thought that *wh* constructions are evidence that syntactic theory must allow displacement (movement). In this course, we will examine the properties of these constructions in a theoretical framework without the device of movement.

Course Outline

Semester A

- I. Overview: “Wh Movement” Constructions and Properties
- II. Multifunctionality
 - A. *Wh* and Grammatical Functions
 - B. LFG Formalization
- III. Movement/Displacement
 - A. The Myth of Displacement
 - B. Pervasiveness of Displacement
 - C. Problems with Movement: Resumptive Pronouns, Parasitic Gaps, “In-Situ”
- IV. The *Wh* Path: Path Phenomena
- V. Scope Marking (“Partial Movement”) Constructions

Semester B (approximate/tentative)

- VI. Empty Categories
 - A. Empty Categories and Non-Transformational Syntax
 - B. *Wanna* Contraction: The Empty Category Analysis
 - C. Subject Sharing
 - D. Lexical Analysis
 - E. The Empty Category Analysis Again
- VII. Islands
 - A. Standard LFG Approach
 - B. Extra-Syntactic Factors
 - C. The Necessity of Syntax
 - D. Formal Mechanisms
- VIII. Other issues as time permits

Course requirements

Term project

for students taking the course as a seminar: Seminar paper

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