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Post-Graduate Studies: Ph,D. Programme for *Advanced Syntax*  (2022-2023)

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1. Preliminaries: Grammar, Types of Grammar, Evolution of Grammatical Theories…
2. Case:
3. Manifestations of Case (case forms & case inflections)

 Inflectional Case

 Concordial Case

 Case on Non-Nouns

 Vocative Case

 Ungoverned Case

 Analytic Case Markers

1. Competing Mechanisms

 Head Marking

 Word Order

 Adverbs and Relator Nouns

 Possessive Adjectives

1. Grammatical Relations:

 + Grammatical Relations versus Semantic Roles

 Properties of Grammatical Relations

 … Coding Properties

 .…Behavioral Properties (Subject, Direct Object, Indirect Object)

1. Dependency Relations:

 Syntactic dependence

 Types of Dependencies

 Valence

 Coding

1. Syntagmatic and Paradigmatic Relations in Syntax:

 Syntagmatic Relations of Dependencies and Exclusion

 Word Order and Grammatical Markers

 …Noun Phrases in English

 .…Prepositional Phrases in English

 …Genitive Constructions in English

 …Sentence Constituents in English

 Linkage

1. Processes and Participants

1. Subjects, Objects, Complements and Adjuncts
2. Theme, Rheme, and End Focus;

Topic and Comment;

Given and New

1. Focus, Theme, and Emphasis:

 End-focus and Contrastive focus

 Contrastive focus on words and syllables

 Focus on the operator

 Voice, end-focus, and end-weight

 Converses

 Thematic fronting or ‘marked theme’

 Cleft and pseudo-cleft sentences

1. Syntax as a Cognitive Science

Modeling Syntax

Syntax as Science- the Scientific Method

Where Do the Rules Come from?

1. Other Grammatical Theories:

 Relational Grammar

 Lexical Functional Grammar

 Government Binding Theory

 Role and Reference Grammar

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