**Passive**

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*Overview*
In this seminar, we will be concerned with the syntactic properties and the morphological realization of the grammatical category *passive*. We will look at different theoretical approaches that have been suggested over the years, and we will consider data from a variety of typologically distinct languages. Important theoretical questions that will be addressed include the distinction between inflection and word formation and the modelling of the morphology/syntax interface.

*Goal*:
Based on the material discussed in this course, participants develop analyses of (aspects of) passive constructions (that are, or can be shown to be, not that well understood yet) in a language of their choice; the analyses will be presented in short presentations at the end of the semester.

*Syllabus*

1. April 29, 2014:
   *Introduction*

2. May 6, 2014:
   *Syntactic Approaches 1 & 2*
   *(i) Passive Morphology as the External Argument*: Baker, Johnson & Roberts (1989)
   *(ii) Empty Categories in SpecVoice*: Kratzer (1996), Sternefeld (1995)

3. May 13, 2014:
   *Syntactic Approaches 3 & 4*
   *(iii) Smuggling*: Collins (2005)
   *(iv) The role of Pass and 'by'-phrases*: Bruening (2012)

4. May 20, 2014:
   *Alternative Models: Lexical Decomposition Grammar (incl. OT)*: Kiparsky (2013)

5. May 27, 2014:
   *Alternative Models: Relational Grammar, HPSG*: Perlmutter & Postal (1983); Sag & Wasow (1999), Müller (2007)

6. June 3, 2014:
   *The new passive*: Maling (2006), Sigurðsson (2011)

7. June 10, 2014:
   *Passive and Antipassive*: Baker (1988, ch. 3.5: The Antipassive Construction), Bittner & Hale (1996)

8. June 17, 2014:
   *Adjectival vs. verbal passives*: Meltzer-Asscher (2011), Alexiadou, Gehrke & Schäfer (2014), McIntyre (2013), Bruening (2013)

9. June 24, 2014:
   no class

10. July 1, 2014:
    *Voice vs. v*: Harley (2013)

11. July 8, 2014:
    *Deponency*: Embick (2000), Kiparsky (2005), Weisser (2014)

12. July 15, 2014:
    *Implicit Arguments*: Bhatt & Pancheva (2006), Landau (2010), Schäfer (2012)

13.-15. July 22, 2014 (13:15-18:45):
    *Short Presentations*

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