

Objects and Other Objects

מושאים ואובייקטים אחרים

BA seminar, fall semester 2020-2021

Prerequisites: Introduction to the Lexicon, Syntax A, Syntax B

דרישות קדם: מבוא ללקסיקון, תחביר א, תחביר ב

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In this course we examine certain types of object constructions, their thematic properties and their syntactic representation.

Requirements

1. The course consists of readings and discussions. Students are expected to prepare the readings for each class and to actively participate in class discussion. Attendance is therefore required. (No more than three absences allowed.) See Class Rules (noting in particular that cell phones are not allowed in class).

2. Each student will choose a topic (to be approved) and collect data in their native language (original and/or published). The data, together with their description, your observations, and directions of an analysis, will be presented in class, accompanied by a professional-level handout (or presentation). (See Tips for Writing a Handout).

3. Taking into account both class comments and the relevant contributions of the other presentations, each student will then write a paper (approximately 10-15 double-spaced pages), making use of the theoretical tools assembled during the semester. (See Seminar Paper Instructions and Guide.)

Grading

(1) Answers to assigned questions – written and oral 20%

(2) Final paper (consisting of your original research):

Topic submission	Date due: TBA	5%
Proposal	Date due: TBA	10%
Class presentation (+handout/ppt)		20%
Final paper		45%

Tentative syllabus (relevant readings to be added)

We consider analyses of types of constructions that involve different types of objects, both thematic and syntactic. We examine these constructions in Arabic and/or Hebrew.

- Week 1: Introduction: Cognate-object constructions and double-object constructions
(with some relation to prepositional-object constructions)
- Week 2: Cognate-object constructions
- Week 3: More on analyses of cognate-object constructions in English
- Week 4: Cognate-object constructions in Arabic and in Hebrew
- Week 5: The double-object construction
- Week 6: More on analyses of the double-object construction
- Week 7: The double-object construction in Arabic
- Week 8: Some prepositional object constructions in Hebrew and in Arabic
- Week 9: Review
- Weeks 10-12: Student presentations