



אוניברסיטת בן-גוריון בנגב
הפקולטה למדעי הרוח והחברה
המחלקה לספרויות זרות ובלשנות

שם הקורס: Foundations of Generative Grammar

מס' קורס:

שם המרצה: עידן לנדו

שעות קבלה: בתיאום פגישה

יעדי ההוראה:

Beneath particular analyses and theories, some fundamental concerns continually animate Generative Grammar. What is the nature of linguistic knowledge? How is it acquired? What kind of explanations are sought by linguistic theories? How closely correlated are meaning and form – under the word-level and up to the sentence level? How can one reliably distinguish universal features of language from parochial ones? In this course we will read some foundational texts of the field that address such questions, combining methodological discussions with empirical test cases. To appreciate the arguments for the fundamental assumptions of generative grammar, we will compare it to some of its alternatives (descriptive, functional and usage-based linguistics).

פרשיות לימודים:

Philosophical and methodological foundations
Language acquisition from a biolinguistic perspective
Lexical decomposition
Typology and universals in generative grammar
The syntax-semantics interface

דרישות והרכב ציון הקורס:

נוכחות: חובה

ציון עובר בבחינה הינו תנאי הכרחי לציון עובר בקורס.
רשימת המטלות ומשקל כל מטלה בציון הסופי:

Assignments: 40%

Final home assignment: 60%

סה"כ 100%

רשימה ביבליוגרפית:

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- Lechner, Winfried. 2015. The Syntax-Semantics Interface. In *Syntax - Theory and Analysis: An International Handbook*, 1199-1256. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.