



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

Motion in Syntax

This course investigates how the lexico-semantic concept of motion is represented in syntactic structures. We will look closely into the differences between various types of motion verbs (e.g., change of location, manner of motion, cause-motion...). Moreover, by examining theories of typology, we will explore the relationship between motion verbs and the prepositional inventory available in different languages. Last, the relationship among the prepositions will be examined, considering ideas like source-goal dependency and the existence of both lexical and functional prepositional heads.

תנועה ותנועתיות במבנים תחביריים

בקורס זה נבחן כיצד המשמעות הלקסיקוסמנטית של תנועה ותנועתיות באה לידי ביטוי במבנים תחביריים. נחקור את ההבדלים בין סוגים שונים של פעלי תנועה (כגון, פעלי שינוי מקום, פעלי אופן התנועה, פעלים גורמי-תנועה...). בנוסף, על ידי בחינה מעמיקה של תיאוריות טיפולוגיות נבדוק את הקשר בין פעלי-תנועה לבין מילות היחס הקיימות בשפות שונות. לבסוף, נעמיק בשאלות העוסקות בקשר בין מילות היחס עצמן, כגון התלות בין מילות יחס של מוצא ושל יעד וקיומם של מילות יחס מהסוג הלקסיקלי לצידן של הסוג הפונקציונלי.

3rd Year Elective, Fall & Spring Semesters, 2021-2022

Time: Sunday 12:00-14:00

Pre-requisite

Introduction to Linguistics

Introduction to Syntax

Syntax A and B

Requirements and Grade

- Preparation for class, reading all required readings
- Perusal Reading Assignments and Quizzes: 20%
- Midterm assignment: 30%
- Final assignment: 50%

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Program

*There might be some changes in the order or content depending on our progress. You will be notified of any change in our schedule well in advance.

1. Introduction –

- Verbs of Motion.
- Motion in Syntax.
- Terminology.

2. **Topic I:** Typology

- Talmy's (1985) Typology.
- Cross-linguistic Variations – Son and Svenonius (2008).
- Talmy's Typology Revisited – Beavers, Levin and Wei Tham (2010).

3. **Topic II:** V – PP Division of Labour

- The structure of PP – Jackendoff (1983), Svenonius (2010).
- Spatial Ps in Arabic – Saeed (2014).
- Coincidence relations – Hale (1986).
- V-PP in German – Gehrke (2007).
- The licensing of directional Ps – Segal (2020) Section 4.4.
- Goal and Possessive P in Hebrew – Francez (2006).
- Source-Goal ambiguity: Nikitina (2009).

4. **Topic III:** Path and Scale

- Path Predicates – Erteschik-Shir and Rapoport (2005).
- Path and Resultatives – Goldberg (1991).
- Manner/Result Complementarity – Levin and Rappaport-Hovav (2010/2012).
- Challenging Manner/Result Complementarity – Tortora (1998).

5. Conclusion.

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