Name of the course: Methodological Principles in Linguistics
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Course number:
Office hours:

Short course description (5-10 lines) with key words at the end of the paragraph
Learning to construct a valid argument and identify a flawed one are fundamental skills in any scientific inquiry, including generative linguistics. In this course we attempt to enhance and refine this skill by reading through a series of linguistic debates: areas of disagreement among linguists, which have produced a rich array of arguments and counter-arguments. We will evaluate these arguments, focusing on their methodological aspects rather than their specific analytical claims.

Course requirements:
Attendance required yes
Participation 10%
Presentation 20%
Final paper 70%

Philosophical foundations

Raising to Object / ECM

Double object constructions / Dative shift


Middles and implicit agents

Middles and Movement. Linguistic Inquiry 23, 127-137.
On Stroik's Analysis of English Middle Constructions. Linguistic Inquiry 24, 583-589.

Broad subjects and left dislocation in Hebrew


Fragments and ellipsis