Control into Adjuncts

Name of the course: Control into Adjuncts
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Short course description (5-10 lines) with key words at the end of the paragraph

Nonfinite adjunct clauses sometimes display Obligatory Control (The sofa folds out to form a bed) and sometimes Non-Obligatory Control (Another day has passed without hearing her voice). What does this distinction depend on? The meaning of the adjunct? Its structural position? Is there a competition between the two readings? In this seminar we explore these and related questions, and develop linguistically-informed ways of classifying controlled adjuncts. We will show how the notions of selection, predication, and logophoricity shed light on the complex behavior of adjuncts under control.

Key words: Syntax, control, adjuncts, predication.

Course requirements:
Attendance required yes
1. Participation in class discussion: 10%
2. Presentation: 20%
3. Final paper: 70%

OC vs. NOC in adjuncts

Fischer, Silke, and Inghild Flaate Hoyem. 2017. Adjunct Control. Handout of talk presented in the 32nd meeting of Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop, NTNU Tronheim

Theoretical analyses


A selectional approach
