



אוניברסיטת בן-גוריון בנגב  
הפקולטה למדעי הרוח והחברה

המחלקה ל ספרויות זרות ובלשנות, תש"פ

**Name of the course:** Methodological Principles in Linguistics

**Lecturer name:** Idan Landau

**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%

**סילבוס מפורט של הקורס (נושאים, לוח זמנים, ספרות חובה/בחירה וכדומה)**

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Schwartz, Robert. 1969. On Knowing a Grammar. In *Language and Philosophy*, ed. by Sidney Hook, 183-190. NY, New York: NYU Press.

Chomsky, Noam. 1975. *Reflections on Language*, p. 166-204. New York: Pantheon Books.

**Raising to Object / ECM**

Postal, Paul M. 1974. *On Raising* (chapter 4). Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press.

Bresnan, Joan. 1976. Nonarguments for Raising. *Linguistic Inquiry* 7, 485-501.

**Double object constructions / Dative shift**

- Larson, Richard. 1988. On the Double Object Construction. *Linguistic Inquiry* 19, 335-391.
- Jackendoff, Ray. 1990. On Larson's Treatment of the Double Object Construction. *Linguistic Inquiry* 21, 427-456.
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### **Middles and implicit agents**

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- ☞/3 Zribi-Hertz, Anne. 1993. On Stroik's Analysis of English Middle Constructions. *Linguistic Inquiry* 24, 583-589.
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### **Broad subjects and left dislocation in Hebrew**

- Doron, Edit, and Caroline Heycock. 1999. Filling and Licensing Multiple Specifiers. In *Specifiers: Minimalist Approaches*, ed. by David Adger, Susan Pintzuk, Bernadette Plunkett and George Tsoulas, 69-89. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Landau, Idan. 2009. Against Broad Subjects in Hebrew. *Lingua* 119, 89-101.
- Doron, Edit, and Caroline Heycock. 2010. In Support of Broad Subjects in Hebrew. *Lingua* 120, 1764-1776.
- Landau, Idan. 2010. Alleged Broad Subjects in Hebrew: A Rejoinder to Doron & Heycock 2010. To appear in *Lingua*.

### **Fragments and ellipsis**

- Merchant, Jason. 2005. Fragments and Ellipsis. *Linguistics and Philosophy* 27, 661-738.
- Valmala, Vidal. 2017. The Syntax of Little Things. In *Proceedings of IATL 23*, Jerusalem: The Hebrew University. W
- Weir, Andrew. 2015. Fragment Answers and 'Exceptional Movement Under Ellipsis': A PF-movement Account. In *Proceedings of NELS 45*, ed. by Thuy Bui and Deniz Özyıldız, 175-188. Amherst: GLSA Publications.