

Prepositions, Postpositions and In Between

מילות יחס ומה שביניהן

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Course description & objectives:

Adpositions is an umbrella term for prepositional-like relational items, including circumpositions, postpositions, case markers and more. These elements are known to display a certain duality in their syntactic, semantic, and morphological manifestation, thus are not considered to be uniformly distributed between the Lexical and Functional categories. The aim of this course is to closely examine the properties of the various and varied members that belong to this class via a cross-linguistic perspective and to reconsider their categorization. Based on linguistic studies we will deal with the following questions: Do adpositions head their own extended syntactic projection, like the categories V or T, that includes aspectual, degree, and other functional heads? Do they deliver their own semantic content and have a predicative nature, or are they semantically dependent and simply pass on the semantic and thematic requirements of another lexical head? Last, the size of this group will be reconsidered, is it indeed small and restricted, or does it accept new members? And if so, which are the elements that may be added or included to it?

Pre-requisite

Introduction to Lexicon

Introduction to Syntax

Syntax A and B

Requirements and Grade

- Class Attendance is Obligatory
- Participation in Class, Class Assignments and Quizzes: 30%
- Midterm assignment: 30%
- Final assignment: 50%

Material

The course website is available on Moodle for all registered students. All readings are uploaded as PDF files on the course website. Please make sure **your e-mail address is updated and correct**. All updates and messages will be done through the website.

Students are responsible to check the website regularly for messages and necessary downloads (before class).

Topics

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.

Introduction

- Getting familiar with the terminology.
- The Semantic Contribution of P.
- The Syntactic Contribution of P.
- The Structure of P.

The Structure of Spatial PPs

Spatial P in English

The Syntax and Semantics of Arabic Spatial PPs

The Syntax and Semantics of Hebrew Spatial PPs

Svenonius (2010); Saeed (2014), Segal (2020)

Structure and Word Order

Dutch Adpositions

Adpositions in West African Languages

Koopman (2010); Aboh (2010)

Functional and Lexical Heads

Evidence from Hebrew PPs

Evidence from German PPs

Botwinik-Rotem (2008b); Abraham (2010)

Goal PPs and Possession PPs

The Dative Alternation in Arabic and in Hebrew

Germanic *with*

Francez (2006), Levinson (2011); Camilleri, ElSadek & Sadler (2014), Rapoport (2014a)

Arguments vs. Adjuncts

Instrumental *with*

Non-Instrumental *with*

Rákosi (2013), Wilson (2020), Segal (2020)

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