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**Negative Polarity Items: Semantics, Computational  
 Linguistics, and Corpus Linguistics**

Seminar: Monday 7.30–9 at the Sfs, Seminarraum 1.13 and  
 Wednesday 9ct–11 at the Sfs, Seminarraum 1.13

Seminar starts: Monday, April 23rd, 2007

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### Participation and Grading Policy

Examination regulations of the Neuphilologische Fakultät require that students attend courses regularly. If students do not attend a course meeting on more than two occasions in one semester without proper excuse (e.g. doctor's note), the course instructor has to give them a failing grade.

Please do not put me in a position to have to fail you for this reason. If you cannot come to class, please email me ahead of time, if at all possible.

You are expected to come on time. In some of the class meetings students will give oral presentations (more on this below). It is a matter of common courtesy to not make their work harder by disturbing them by being late. Being late without good reasons will count as not having attended a course meeting.

- M.A. students (10 credits):

Your grade for this course will be based on the following items:

1. An in-class presentation (*Referat*). Grading policy same as for the B.A. students.
2. A written term paper, software project, or written summary of the oral presentation. The grade of the paper will count 60% of your final grade.

- B.A. students (6 credits):

Your grade for this course will be based on the same items as for M.A. students.

### Reading Assignments

Please read the assigned reading in advance of the class meeting for which it was assigned. I will presuppose that you have read the material when we discuss it in class.

## Oral Presentations (Referate)

Gaining more practical experience with oral presentations is an important objective of this course.

Participants will be required to choose the topic of their presentation by the class meeting on Wednesday, May 2nd. For your presentations the following two rules are important:

- You should have an appointment with me no later than *one week before* your presentation in order to discuss open questions and the structure and content of your presentation.
- At the beginning of the class meeting one week before your presentation you will have five minutes to tell the other participants about how to prepare for your presentation. You are expected to give a very brief overview of the topic of your talk and to inform the participants what to focus on when they read the paper on which your presentation is based.

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