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Underspecified Semantics: An HPSG Perspective

Seminar: Monday 9ct–11 at the SfS, Seminarraum 1.13 and
 Wednesday 9ct–11 at the SfS, Seminarraum 1.13
 The class meeting on Wednesday, December 8th is cancelled

Seminar starts: Monday, 25th October 2004

Office Hours: Monday 11.00 – 12.00

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- Final exam: in the last week of classes, probably Febraury 16th.

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.

- B.A. students (6 credits):

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

1. An in-class presentation (*Referat*): Your presentation should be based on either a printed hand-out or a power point presentation. The presentation will count for a total of 40% of your grade: 20% for the quality of the hand-out, and 20% for the quality of the oral presentation.
2. A final exam in the form of either a 3-hour long, written exam or a 30-minute oral exam. You have to choose in advance whether you want to sit the written exam or take the oral exam. This choice has to be submitted in writing by December 22nd, 2004.

- 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 or software project. The grade of the paper will count 60% of your final grade.

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 practical experience with oral presentations is an important objective of this course. There will be a special class meeting dedicated to how to prepare and give oral presentations.

Participants will be required to choose the topic of their presentation by the class meeting on Monday, November 15th. 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.

Course Readings

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- van Deemter, Kees and Peters, Stanley (eds) 1996. *Semantic Ambiguity and Underspecification*. CSLI Publications.
- Stechow, Arnim von 1993. Die Aufgaben der Syntax. In Joachim Jacobs, Arnim von Stechow, Wolfgang Sternefeld, and Theo Vennemann (eds), *Syntax. Ein internationales Handbuch zeitgenössischer Forschung*, 1–88. Walter de Gruyter.

Formal Foundations of HPSG

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- Richter, Frank 2004. *A Mathematical Formalism for Linguistic Theories with an Application in Head-Driven Phrase Structure Grammar*. Phil. dissertation (2000), Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen.
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