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**Negative Polarity Items**

Seminar: Tuesday 10Oct–11.45 at Brechtbau, 0.35

Seminar starts: Tuesday, October 23rd, 2012

Credits: 5 CP

Office Hours: Monday 12.00 – 13.00

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- Moodle page (directly linked from my front page):  
<https://moodle02.zdv.uni-tuebingen.de/course/view.php?id=354>
- The course readings are available in Moodle.

### Participation and Grading Policy

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.

Please turn your mobile phone off before class.

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

1. An in-class presentation (*Referat*). Your presentation should include either a printed hand-out or a slide presentation (or both). The presentation will count for a total of 40% of your grade: 20% for the quality of the hand-out/slides, and 20% for the quality of the oral presentation. A typical presentation in this course might take about 45 minutes.
2. A written term paper, a written summary of your presentation that puts it into the context of the topics we cover in this class, or a project such as systematically collecting and compiling NPIs in a new language. The grade of the paper (summary / project) will count 60% of your final grade.

### Oral Presentations (Referate)

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

Participants should choose the topic of their presentation by the class meeting on Tuesday, November 13th. 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 last class meeting 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 material on which your presentation is based.

### **Reading Assignments**

Please read the assigned papers in advance of the class meeting for which they are assigned. It will be presupposed that you have read the material when we discuss it in class.

### **Course Readings**

The course readings are available in Moodle.