

We are happy to announce the first talk in the colloquium *Recent Trends in Linguistic Research WiSe 2018/19*:

*Infinitive wh-relatives in  
Romance and syncretism at  
the left periphery*

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Romance clitic left-dislocation (CLLD) is widespread across all kinds of non root contexts, however it is forbidden in infinitive wh-relatives. This talk investigates the extent and nature of this restriction, and the consequences it raises for the truncation vs. intervention analysis of the left periphery of embedded sentences. We will show that actual proposals can not account for the whole gamut of data. As a consequence, it will be proposed that infinitive wh-relatives display a maximally syncretic left-periphery, whereas infinitive wh-interrogatives have a full-fledged left periphery, crucially involving ForceP, for they are selected by a higher predicate. Finally, this crucial difference between relatives and interrogatives will be shown to be consistent with the existence of specialized complementizers for the former but not for the latter.

Everybody is welcome!

Best, Katharina Hartmann & Manfred Sailer

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