

LG618 TOPICS IN HPSG

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Outline syllabus

This course is aimed at students who are familiar with the basic ideas of Head-driven Phrase Structure Grammar. It will look at recent developments within the framework. The emphasis of the course will be on student participation, and what exactly we consider will be determined by the interests of students taking the course. In the early weeks we will look at Kathol, Przepiórkowski, and Tseng (forthcoming). In later weeks we will look at papers selected by students taking the course. Papers should be chosen either from the proceedings of recent HPSG conference or from those listed below. Students will be expected to present some relevant work in the later weeks of the course.

Learning outcomes

The course has two main aims:

- 1) to familiarize students with recent developments in Head-driven Phrase Structure Grammar
- 2) to give students a detailed knowledge of one or more of these developments

Assessment

Assessment will be based on a 3,000 word essay. Precise topics are open for discussion, but the typical task is to write a critical review of an article (or possibly a couple of closely related articles, or part of a book) from the recent literature on HPSG, typically chosen from among the articles that will be discussed in class. The assignment is due in on the first day of Term 3, and we will ask you to decide what exactly you are doing by the last but one week of this term.

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