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Markedness and Syllable Structure

This seminar, taught in English, will introduce students to the controversy of markedness. Through a critical review of Haspelmath (2006) the students will be introduced to what linguistic theory considers to be 'difficult', 'rare' or 'complex'. The course will take syllable structure as an aspect of the grammar from which to investigate the concept. Students will be given some preparatory background in the levels of linguistic description: observational, descriptive, explanatory and beyond explanatory; and they will be shown the difference between substantive and formal universals. The students will also receive an introductory but comprehensive overview of syllable structure and its Strict CV translation. The argumentation of the seminar will be structured in three parts: what does it mean to be (a) 'difficult', (b) 'rare' and (c) 'complex' from the perspective of the linguistic system.

Key Texts:

Haspelmath, M. 2006. Against Markedness (and what to replace it with). Journal of Linguistics vol. 42(1):25-70. Available at: http://email.eva.mpg.de/~haspelmt/Againstmarkedness.pdf

Hyman, L. 2008. Universals in Phonology. In: Linguistic Review. 25:83-137.
Available at: http://www.linguistics.berkeley.edu/phonlab/annual_report/documents/2007/Hyman_Phono_Universals_PL.pdf

Nevins, Andrew. 2009. On formal universals in phonology. In: Behavioral and Brain Sciences 32(5):461-462.
Available at: http://dash.harvard.edu/bitstream/handle/1/3426357/Nevins_Formal_Universals.pdf?sequence=2