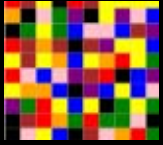


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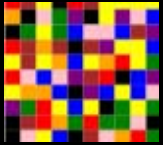
# mini workshop

December 8, 2010, DS-3470, 320 Ste-Catherine East



13:00-13:30  
**Extrapolation and Pro Sub-Extraction**  
Marco Nicolis  
UQAM

In this talk I provide a novel account of the ungrammaticality of certain clausal extraposition structures in pro-drop languages as opposed to non pro-drop languages (e.g. It convinced Mary to buy us a car that we are always late vs. \*Convinse Maria a comprarci una macchina che siamo sempre in ritardo). I propose that pro and the clause are generated together in a single constituent and pro is then subextracted. The observed variation follows from the hypothesis.



13:30-14:00  
**Russian –nibud’-indefinites at the Syntax-semantics Interface**  
Natalia Fitzgibbons  
Concordia University

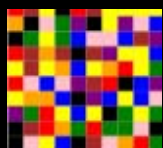
This paper discusses the licensing conditions of the –nibud’-series of indefinite pronouns in Russian. I concentrate on licensing of –nibud’-items by quantifiers in the nominal domain and argue that to account for their distribution, both their syntactic and semantic properties must be taken into account. For a –nibud’-item to be licensed in a clause, both the licenser and –nibud’ need to be in appropriate syntactic positions; moreover, only inherently presuppositional quantifiers are appropriate licensors. The licensing of –nibud’ items is a syntax-semantics interface phenomenon.

14:00-14:15 **Break**



14:15-14:45  
**Computing Scope Effects at the Interface: The Case of Coordination**  
Irina Agafonova  
UQAM and Concordia University

Recent developments in theoretical linguistics originate a fascinating discussion on the interface between levels of linguistic knowledge. In this talk I present a case study which examines scope effects in coordination. I develop a syntax-semantics for coordination within a grammar formalism known as Minimalist Grammars. The proposed approach creates a basis for further investigation of the syntax/semantics-parsing interface in coordination.



14:45-15:15  
**Optimisation du traitement automatique des anaphores pronominales utilisant l'accord asymétrique**  
Calin Batori  
UQAM

Depuis les années 60' plusieurs solutions ont été implémentées pour le traitement automatique des anaphores pronominales. La plupart de ces solutions restent à un niveau d'ingénierie qui ne présente pas de compréhension profonde des relations anaphoriques propres aux langues naturelles. Dans cette présentation j'exposerai des résultats issus des recherches faites au sein du Laboratoire de recherche sur les asymétries d'interface qui montrent les avantages d'un système de résolution des anaphores pronominales intégrant des opérations fondamentales de la grammaire universelle.

15:30 **Vin d'honneur**

Laboratoire de recherche sur les asymétries d'interfaces

Les conférences du LAD couvrent tous les aspects de la linguistique fondamentale, de la linguistique computationnelle, de la neuro et psycholinguistique, reflétant ainsi plusieurs intérêts de recherche de la communauté linguistique locale.

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