Reflexive Pronouns and Reflexivity

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Overview. In this course we will discuss reflexive strategies attested in the world's languages focusing primarily on reflexive pronouns (cf. in English *John likes himself* vs *John likes him*). The course aims, on the one hand, to create a historical perspective and to go through seminal works on the topic. On the other hand, it emphasizes the importance of acknowledging complexity of the term reflexivity and pays attention to more recent papers about different manifestations of reflexivity in various languages, including the so-called reflexive voice.

The course materials including the list of topics to be discussed and recommended readings can be found on the SEAS website:

http://seas3.elte.hu/coursematerial/BurukinaIrina/index.html

The course assumes that students are somewhat familiar with basic syntactic notions as introduced in BESE (Mark Newson et al. *Basic English syntax with exercises*), such as *phrases (VPs, vP, NPs), arguments, predicates, thematic roles, syntactic functions (subject, object)*, although we will discuss them in more detail.

Requirements. Students are expected to write and present in class a short essay either commenting on a paper / papers discussed in class or presenting a set of relevant data from a language not considered in class and analyzing it using one of the discussed approaches.

Attendance. No more than two absences will be tolerated.

Topics
1. Government and Binding Theory and its limitations [Truswell 2014]
2. Complementarity and connectivity; Reinhart and Reuland's approach [Pollard & Sag 1992; Reinhart & Reuland 1993]
3. Syntactic and semantic binding [Grodzinsky & Reinhart 1993]
4. Bruening's "Precede-and-Command Revisited" [Bruening 2014; Zwart 2015]
5. Morphosyntax of reflexives [Déchaine& Wiltschko 2002]
6. Syntactic vs lexical reflexivization [Reinhart & Siloni 2005]
7. Reflexive voice [Labelle 2008; Ahn 2011]
8. Reciprocal voice [Bruening 2006]
9. Typology of pronouns [Kiparsky 2002]
10. Logophors and intensifiers [Koenig and Siemund 2000]

Readings

Primary
- Bruening, Benjamin. 2006. *The Morphosyntax and Semantics of Verbal Reciprocals*. Ms., University of Delaware.
- Bruening, Benjamin. 2014. Precede-and-command revisited. *Language* 90 (2). 342-88.
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- Kiparsky, Paul. 2002. Disjoint reference and the typology of pronouns. In *More than Words*, ed. by Ingrid Kaufmann and Barbara Stiebels, 179-226. Berlin: Akademie Verlag.
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- Reinhart, Tanya, and Eric Reuland. 1993. Reflexivity. *Linguistic Inquiry* 24. 657-720.
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- Truswell, Robert. 2014. Binding theory. In *Routledge Handbook of Syntax*, ed. by Carnie, Andrew, Yosuke Sato, and Daniel Siddiqi, 214-238. Abingdon: Taylor & Francis.
- Zwart, Jan-Wouter. 2015. Precede-and-command revisited revisited. *Language* 91 (3). 169-178.

Additional readings (books)
- Chomsky, Noam. 1981. *Lectures on Government and Binding*. 1st ed. Dordrecht: Foris Publications.
- Buring, Daniel. 2005. *Binding Theory.* New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Reinhart, Tanya. 1983. *Anaphora and semantic interpretation*. London: Croom Helm.
- Reuland, Eric. 2011. *Anaphora and Language Design*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- Rooryck, Johan, and Guido J. vanden Wyngaerd. 2011. *Dissolving Binding Theory*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Safir, Ken. 2004. *The Syntax of Anaphora*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.