

1) CLASS SCHEDULE

(The following schedule is tentative and subject to change)

Lecture 1:

Introduction: The problem of argument realization

Lecture 2:

Approaches to preserving meaning in the semantics-syntax mapping

Lecture 3:

The thematic hierarchy: A window into semantic prominence

Lectures 4 and 5:

Delineating semantic determinants of argument realization and the interactions among them

Lecture 6:

Structuring event structure

Lecture 7:

Is aspect a semantic determinant of argument realization?

Lecture 8:

The dative alternation: Insights into the ranking of recipients, goals, and themes

2) LITERATURE AND PREPARATORY READING

Course readings (tentative):

Blume, K. (1998) A Contrastive Analysis of Interaction Verbs with Dative Complements, *Linguistics* 36, 253-280.

Croft, W. (1998) Event Structure in Argument Linking, in M. Butt and W. Geuder, eds., *The Projection of Arguments: Lexical and Compositional Factors*, CSLI Publications, Stanford, CA, 21-63.

Dik, S.C. (1997) *The Theory of Functional Grammar. Part 1: The Structure of the Clause*, Mouton de Gruyter, Berlin. Chapter 2. (Second, revised edition edited by K. Hengeveld.)

Dowty, D.R. (1991) Thematic Proto-Roles and Argument Selection, *Language* 67, 547-619.

Fillmore, C.J. (1970) The Grammar of Hitting and Breaking, in R.A. Jacobs and P.S. Rosenbaum, eds., *Readings in English Transformational Grammar*, Ginn, Waltham, MA, 120-133.

Grimshaw, J. (2005) [1993] Semantic Structure and Semantic Content in Lexical Representation, in J. Grimshaw, *Words and Structure*, CSLI

Publications, Stanford, CA, 75-89.

Harley, H. (2003) Possession and the Double Object Construction, in P. Pica and J. Rooryck, eds., *Linguistic Variation Yearbook 2*, John Benjamins, Amsterdam, 31-70.

*Levin, B. (1999) Objecthood: An Event Structure Perspective, *CLS 35*, Part 1, 223-247.

Levin, B. and M. Rappaport Hovav (2005) *Argument Realization*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK. (Please purchase a copy of this book before the class begins as copies will not be available for purchase at the summer school.)

Maling, J. (2001) Dative: The Heterogeneity of the Mapping Among Morphological Case, Grammatical Functions, and Thematic Roles, *Lingua* 111, 419-464.

Rappaport Hovav, M. and B. Levin (1998) Building Verb Meanings, in M. Butt and W. Geuder, eds., *The Projection of Arguments: Lexical and Compositional Factors*, CSLI Publications, Stanford, CA, 97-134.

*Rappaport Hovav, M. and B. Levin (2002) Change of State Verbs: Implications for Theories of Argument Projection, *BLS 28*, 269-280. A slightly revised version appears as M. Rappaport Hovav and B. Levin (2005) Change of State Verbs: Implications for Theories of Argument Projection, in N. Erteschik-Shir and T. Rapoport, eds., *The Syntax of Aspect*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK, 274-286. (BLS version downloadable.)

*Rappaport Hovav, M. and B. Levin (2005) All Dative Verbs Are Not Created Equal, unpublished ms., The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Stanford University, Jerusalem and Stanford, CA.

Tsunoda, T. (1985) Remarks on Transitivity, *Journal of Linguistics* 21, 385-396.

*Reading is downloadable from <http://www-csli.stanford.edu/~beth/pubs.html>

Preparatory reading:

A basic introduction to semantic roles and lexical aspectual classes of the type found in many semantics textbooks (e.g., Kate Kearns' *Semantics*)

Chapters 1 and 2 of Levin and Rappaport Hovav (2005)

3) REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDIT

Detailed written answers to two or three questions chosen from a set of

questions to be handed out in class. Answers must be received no later than September 23, 2006.