

# Hierarchy effects in morphosyntax

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course for intermediate / advanced students

## **Description:**

This course addresses argument encoding phenomena in which the agreement properties of an argument depend on / are constrained by the syntactic context, i.e. the properties of the coargument. This includes hierarchy effects with head- and dependent-marking (agreement displacement, inverse marking, local and global case splits, portmanteau morphemes), and PCC-effects (PCC = Person Case Constraint). These phenomena have figured prominently in the theoretical literature in recent years and the course aims at giving an overview of the formal approaches that have been developed. What the approaches have in common is that they dispense with the postulation of hierarchies as primitives of the grammar that constraints can make reference to. Rather, hierarchy effects arise as a consequence of the representation of  $\phi$ -features, principles of syntactic structure-building (cyclicity, minimality) and disjunctive blocking in the postsyntactic morphological component.

**Keywords:** morphology-syntax-interface, agreement, case, Agree, bleeding, cyclicity, intervention, Elsewhere Principle

**Requirements:** familiarity with a realizational framework of morphology (e.g. Distributed Morphology) as well as with the Agree mechanism; a basic knowledge of Optimality Theory will be helpful as well. All the basic assumptions we need will be introduced.

## **Course website:**

<http://www.uni-leipzig.de/~georgi/EGG14.html> for papers, handouts and the syllabus