

WOPiG

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The Department of Linguistics at the University of Leipzig is pleased to announce the workshop 'Opacity in Grammar' (WOPiG). The aim of WOPiG is to bring together researchers from phonology, morphology, and syntax in order to address the puzzles posed by opaque interactions of grammatical operations.

Some linguistic expressions are opaque in the sense that the reason why a certain grammatical process has applied (or why it has not applied) cannot be read off of their surfaces. Traditionally, this kind of opacity was captured by concepts such as overapplication or underapplication; counter-bleeding or counter-feeding; or blocking.

Opaque interaction arises in all linguistic frameworks where the analysis of linguistic expressions is the result of the interaction of elementary operations and/or constraints. While opaque interactions would seem to be easily resolvable in derivational or stratal frameworks, opacity presents a challenge for representational frameworks. Indeed, recent developments in all grammatical components tend to make use of timing: in phonology, Harmonic Serialism (McCarthy (2010)) or Candidate Chains (McCarthy (2007)) are used; in morphology, the Distributed Morphology approach of, e.g., Arregi and Nevins (2012) allows ordering of postsyntactic morphological rules; in syntax, the timing of elementary operations like Merge, Move, and Agree becomes more and more important (e.g., Rezac (2004)). In light of these trends, the aim of WOPiG is to bring together proponents of derivational and representational frameworks in order to discuss how opaque interactions can be resolved with derivational and representational means.

Invited Speakers:

Eric Bakovi (University of California, San Diego)

Paul Kiparsky (Stanford University)

Howard Lasnik (University of Maryland)

Abstract Guidelines:

Abstracts should not exceed two pages, including data, references and diagrams. Abstracts should be typed in at least 11-point font, with one-inch margins (letter-size; 8 1/2 by 11 or A4). Abstracts must be anonymous and submissions are limited to 1 individual and 1 joint abstract per author per workshop.

Abstract submission only via EasyChair:

<https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=cgsw28>

Important Dates:

Extended deadline for abstract submission: May 19, 2013

Notification of acceptance: July 15, 2013

Final program: t.b.a.

Workshop: October 3, 2013