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CLASS 2: “GB in an Hour”

Issues To Be Reviewed

Structural assumptions within the Government and Binding Theory (GB):

- clause/phrase structure as a preformed skeleton
- levels of representation and the architecture of the grammar
- Move α and its conditions
- structural relations:
 - X'-Theory
 - c-command
 - government

Modules of the language faculty, especially the main theoretical aspects of:

- Case Theory
- Theta Theory
- Trace Theory
- Binding Theory

Selected Paper Topics

General

Critically address LF-movement, feature checking, and the T-model.

What is the status of head movement in minimalism?

Discuss the role of modules in minimalism.

What is the role of PF in minimalism?

Specific

Evaluate three approaches to parasitic gaps.

Evaluate three approaches to *tough*-constructions.

Evaluate three approaches to relative clause formation.

What are the main issues around control and movement?

Address the issue of minimalist desiderata and null operators.

Critically address Wh-movement and the overt/covert distinction.

Investigate some syntactic issues in the formation of echo questions.

Investigate four issues around the syntax of multiple Wh-questions.

What could be the syntax of Discourse-linking in the grammar?

Critically evaluate the proposed split structures in the clause.

Consider syntactic approach to double object constructions.

Is there cliticization in English?