Issues in the syntax and semantics of adjuncts and secondary predication
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Description
Adjunction and predication are two issues that have long been at the heart of formal linguistic theory, within both syntactic and semantic approaches. This course will provide a state-of-the-art overview of selected syntactic-semantic approaches to adjuncts and secondary predication (Small Clauses), focusing on work within generative theory. Core questions will be how secondary predication and adjuncts of different types may be represented and what kind of evidence can be used to adjudicate between different alternatives.

The following issues will be discussed:
- Defining predication and adjunction
- Different types of adjuncts
- Adverbial hierarchies and their representation in the syntax
- Expressions of secondary predication (Small Clauses), primarily in Germanic languages
- Secondary predication and adjunction at the syntax-semantics interface
- Small Clauses, adjuncts and functional structure
- The relationship between secondary predication/Small Clauses and adjunction

The course will consist of 6 lectures from Tuesday to Thursday. Each day will have two lectures, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Lunch will be provided all three days, and there will be a course dinner for participants, instructors and organizers on the second day. There will also be a dinner for the instructors and organizers on the first and third day.

The course will also be open for MA students even though they can not take it for credit.

Requirements for 5ECTS
- Do readings before and during the course as assigned by the instructors.
- Attend all lectures
- Ask at least one question during (at least) one of the lectures
- Write a 2000-word paper on a chosen topic following the course