**Theoretical perspectives on grammatical gender**

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**Description**

Gender has been a persistent challenge for linguistic theory. It appears to be an intrinsic property of a noun, although this is only revealed through agreement on other words. With the publication of Corbett (1991), gender once again entered prime time, both in typological and theoretical work. This course will provide a state of the art overview of selected approaches to grammatical gender, focusing on work in typology and on work within generative theory. A core question will be how gender features are encoded into the grammar and what kind of evidence that can be used to adjudicate between different alternatives.

The following issues will be discussed:

* Defining grammatical gender
* The expression of gender in different languages
* Grammatical gender at the syntax-morphology interface
* Grammatical gender, roots, and functional structure
* The relationship between gender and declension class
* The relationship between classifiers and gender

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.

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
* Submit one research question in writing to the instructor after each lecture.
* Write a 2000-word paper on a chosen topic following the course