

The morphophonology of passives and the architecture of grammar (course description)

The course is preoccupied with how the morpho-syntactic and semantic properties of passive participles interact with and influence their morphophonological behaviour.

Passives have been at the centre of the debate between the advocates of the claim that the lexicon is a derivational device (see Wasow 1977, Cetnarowska 2000, Horvath and Siloni 2008) and the proponents of a theory of grammar in which the lexicon is exclusively a list-like device responsible for the storage of features and relations between them (see Embick 2004, Bruening 2014).

In this course we will have a detailed look at the arguments employed by both sides of the debate.

Another aim will be to investigate which syntactic and semantic properties of passives may actually influence their morphophonology. The vast literature on passive participles typically focuses on German and English, and recognizes the classes of verbal and adjectival passives, target and resultant state passives and resultative and stative passives (see Wasow 1977, Kratzer 2000, Embick 2004, Emonds 2006, Gese et al. 2011, McIntyre 2013, 2015; Alexiadou et al. 2014, Bruening 2014, Gehrke 2015 among others). Additionally, languages such as Polish clearly distinguish between passives based on intransitive (unaccusative verbs) and transitive verbs.

The question which we will address is which of those lines of division are reflected in the morphophonology of passives. Can they all morphologized? In not, why? If, yes, are they all reflected in morphophonology in the same way?

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