

CALL FOR PAPERS

20TH SEOUL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GENERATIVE GRAMMAR (SICOGG 20)

1. MEETING DESCRIPTION

The 20th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 20) will take place at **Konkuk University**, Seoul, Korea, from **Wednesday, August 8 through Friday, August 10, 2018**. The conference will be co-hosted by the Korean Generative Grammar Circle, Konkuk University, Korea University, and the National Research Foundation of Korea. SICOGG 20 will consist of a general session, one workshop, and a series of lectures by the keynote speaker. The main theme of the general session is ‘The Syntax-Phonology Interface in Generative Grammar’. The confirmed invited speakers are as follows:

- ✧ **Keynote speaker:**
Professor Norvin Richards (MIT)
- ✧ **Invited workshop speaker:**
Professor Michael Barrie (Sogang University)

2. GENERAL SESSION

Equal consideration will be given to papers from all areas of generative grammar, which may include syntactic theory, the syntax-semantics interface, the syntax-morphology interface, the syntax-phonology interface, syntactic acquisition, and any other syntax-related interests. Applicants for oral/poster presentations in the general session must submit their abstracts by **Monday, April 23, 2018**.

The general session of SICOGG 20 features a series of invited lectures by Professor Norvin Richards (MIT), where various issues concerning cross-linguistic variation with respect to wh-movement will be re-examined from the perspective of the interface between syntax and phonology. Below is a summary of the invited lecture, and we especially encourage submissions touching on any issues related to this.

Syntactic work in the GB and Minimalist traditions commonly claims that languages can vary in the distribution of their overt movements. There are, for example, languages (like Korean) in which wh-phrases remain in situ, and others (like English) in which they standardly move; languages (like English) in which the subject must standardly move to a position above its theta-position, and others (like Italian) in which it apparently does not have to; languages in which verbs raise to T (like French) and languages in which they do not (English), and so forth.

What is still fairly poorly understood is why languages should vary in this way. The classic Minimalist way of annotating cross-linguistic differences in the distribution of overt movement amounts to a diacritic feature, or a diacritic property of features; languages have been said, for example, to be able to vary with respect to whether the feature driving wh-movement is 'weak' or 'strong'. Such approaches are essentially a claim that no further explanation is possible; the difference between overt and covert movement is a basic parametric difference between languages, unrelated to any other differences.

This series of lectures focuses on Richards' (2016) proposal (and subsequent work,

known as 'Contiguity Theory') to derive the overt/covert distinction from conditions on the relation between syntax and phonology. The claim will be that languages do not vary syntactically, at least in this domain; the parameters of difference will be phonological and morphological, having to do with prosody, stress, and the distribution of different kinds of affixes. It will be important to assume a different kind of architecture for the language faculty than we are familiar with; the construction of prosodic and metrical representations begins during the narrow syntactic derivation, and syntactic operations can be motivated by the need to improve these phonological representations.

3. WORKSHOP

This workshop will feature an invited talk by Professor Michael Barrie (Sogang University). The workshop will deal with the syntax of nominals and reduced nominal expressions. The first goal is to investigate the extended nominal projection and what sort of universal properties, if any, it has. The second goal is to investigate how the extended nominal projection can be restructured or reduced. This question is based on the numerous studies of restructuring in the verbal domain, where infinitival clauses are typically argued to have a reduced structure, such as a TP. Open questions include the following. What functional projections are found in the nominal? Is the functional hierarchy universal, language specific, or is language variation constrained in some way? What kinds of reduced nominal expressions are found in natural language? Bare NPs, bare NumPs? Cl+N expressions without numerals? Caseless nouns? How does this relate to noun incorporation and pseudo noun incorporation? We invite abstracts dealing with any of these questions or the syntax of nominals more broadly.

4. ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstracts should be submitted using the EasyAbs service of the LINGUIST List. Abstracts must be submitted online at the following address: <http://linguistlist.org/easyabs/sicogg20> by clicking on Abstract Submission. Then, follow the online guidelines to upload your abstract in either .pdf or .doc format. Note, however, that the .doc format is acceptable only if the abstract contains no special fonts or diagrams. **Only electronic submissions through the aforementioned link will be considered. Abstracts should be anonymous and may not exceed two pages (A4/US letter)**, including examples and references (embed examples within the text), with 2.54 cm (1 inch) margin on all four sides and should employ the font Times New Roman 12 pts. Submissions are limited to a maximum of one individual and one joint abstract per author. **Abstracts should be submitted no later than Monday, April 23, 2018.** Authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection on or after **Sunday, May 27, 2018.** Oral presentations will be allotted 20 minutes followed by 10 minutes for discussion.

5. PROCEEDINGS PAPER SUBMISSION

Accepted papers will be published in *The Proceedings of 2018 Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar*, which will be distributed to the conference participants. All presenters will be asked to provide their papers in **both .pdf and .doc formats by Friday, July 13, 2018.** The text should be single-spaced and the general page limit is 20 pages including appendices and references.

6. CONTACT INFORMATION

All information about the conference will be available at <http://www.sicogg.or.kr> and <http://www.kggc.org>. Participants are asked to check this site to keep up to date regarding possible alterations and changes. Inquiries concerning abstract submission and other queries about the conference should be sent to **sicogg20@gmail.com**.

7. IMPORTANT DATES

- . Abstract submission deadline: **Mon., April 23, 2018**
- . Notification of acceptance: On or after **Sun., May 27, 2018**
- . Proceedings paper submission deadline: **Fri., July 13, 2018**
- . Conference dates: **Wed., August 8** through **Fri., August 10, 2018**

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