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Talk Title: A new perspective on syntactic problems
in the nominal domain

In this talk, I would like to explore a hypothesis I call the Nominal Strength Parameter (NSP). The NSP implies that the nominalizing functional head *n* (cf. Borer 2005) comes in the types *weak* and *strong* in the sense of Labeling Theory (cf. Chomsky 2015). I show how this hypothesis derives important differential syntactic properties of languages we might descriptively refer to as NP- and DP-languages (cf. Bošković 2005 *et seq*) without, however, committing to the corresponding analyses. In particular, I show how the obligatoriness of determiner categories in a subset of DP-languages (cf. Stowell 1991; Longobardi 1994) and the Left Branch Condition (cf. Ross 1967/1986) receive a uniform treatment, given weak *n*. Likewise, strong *n* accounts for the optionality of determiner categories in a subset of NP-languages and the possibility of Left Branch Extraction. These syntactic properties have morphological correlates on the nouns in the respective languages — lending further support to the NSP. Various empirical and theoretical consequences will be pursued, including the encoding and the role of (double) definiteness, of *C*/case, etc.

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