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KURZ - kaa/WORD2 or kaa/JKO2: Focus and the left periphery

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In many languages, it is possible to put one or more elements to the left edge of a sentence. It has often been claimed that this special syntactic position is generally linked to a special interpretation - for instance, that it is reserved for the most important or new part of the sentence. In this course, we will have a cross-linguistic look at this claim and get to know different types evidence and tests to evaluate it. The main empirical focus will be on the so-called "V2-construction", which is found in most Germanic languages, e.g. in German. The characteristic property of this construction, which is used for almost all declarative main clauses, is that the verb appears in the second position, thus providing a unique pre-verbal position in the left periphery which has to be filled by some element of the sentence. We will discuss whether the conditions on appearing in this position can be successfully characterized by making reference to interpretative categories like "focus" or "contrast", which alternative accounts there are and how to distinguish between the different theories.

Reading Nr. 1: Frey_2010_A-bar movement and conventional implicatures

Reading Nr. 2 (a bit of phonetics, for those, who are interested): **Szendroi_2003_A stress based approach to the syntax of Hungarian focus**

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