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**Inner Islands and Negation in Czech, German,
English and Spanish:
The case of which-clauses and as-clauses revisited**

Přednášku prosloví

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Anotace: Ever since the pioneering work of John “Haj” Ross on “Inner Islands” in English (Ross 1984), it is not quite clear how to explain facts such as the followings:

- (1) *This mist can't last, which Morpho and Hoppy (don't) realize.*
(2) *This mist can't last, as Morpho and Hoppy (*don't) realize.*

Whereas in (1) the embedded clause is introduced by the relative pronoun which that does seem to license a negation of the embedded clause, example (2) is a case of a restriction of negation in an as-clause. Why is this so? Are we facing an idiosyncratic English restriction or is there a Principle of UG that has to do with the structure of such clauses involved? In order to find an answer to this puzzling and challenging question, we shall analyze which- and as-clauses in Czech and German and we will also try to show that similar restrictions as in English, German and Czech can be found in Spanish, too.

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