

The course looks at the English left periphery, covering, from a theoretical perspective, the Split-IP, the Split-CP, and the integration of the CP in a higher Speech Act layer connecting syntax and discourse. We will be discussing topicalization, left-dislocation, types of focus, it-clefts (including a comparison between it-clefts and it-extraposition), negative inversion and other types of residual V2, locative inversion – with a brief look at their history where relevant. Practical exercises include translation and syntactic analysis. Points of interest and difficulties in translating such constructions will be highlighted. The course will also be of use for students intending to choose Syntax II in their end-of-year (*Licență*) exam. Grading is based on a final written exam, with a bonus for attendance and participation of up to 3 points.