***New trends in generative syntax***

The class focuses on the most recent development in generative syntax, called the Minimalist Program. The Program was proposed by Noam Chomsky in the 1990’s and has undergone a number of modifications since then. The course aims to present the history of the model, as well as its basic tenets. The Minimalist Program strives to achieve maximal simplicity as regards the theoretical apparatus adopted in constructing a model of grammar. It eliminates unnecessary theoretical constructs and unmotivated operations. The Program has been the most popular framework adopted in syntactic research ever since its inception. It has been successfully used to analyse various syntactic phenomena from typologically unrelated languages.