Thursday, March 8\textsuperscript{th} 2012

Luis López
(UIC)

\textit{Indefinite objects: Scrambling, choice function and differential marking}

@ 4:15 pm
Room 6417

CUNY Graduate Center – 365 Fifth Avenue – New York
Indefinite objects: Scrambling, choice function and differential marking

Luis López
(UIC)

In traditional generative grammar the mapping from syntax to semantics is direct, so that, the c-command domain of an operator defines its scope. In this framework, the only mode of semantic composition is Function Application (see May 1985, Diesing 1992). In this presentation I sketch an alternative approach to the syntax and semantics of indefinite objects. The key notion is that the syntactic position of the indefinite determines only its mode of semantic composition. The empirical argumentation is based on Spanish marked and unmarked objects but I show that it can be extended to other languages with differential object marking.

March 8th, 2012
@ 4:15 pm
Room 6417

CUNY Graduate Center – 365 Fifth Avenue – New York