LINGUISTICS 9620b Empirical issues in theoretical phonology

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Description: we will survey a selection of topics as an overview of current phonological theory, based on the Cambridge Handbook of Phonology (Paul de Lacy, ed, 2007, henceforth CHP). Background from previous periods of (generative and other) phonological theory can be added as appropriate, along with other readings. The CHP is an online resource available via UWO library proxy (https://ocul-uwo.prodo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01OCUL_UWO/1hdoga6/alma991044434807705163).

Evaluation, as discussed & weighted in the first class:

Chapter presentation (on readings, with initial bibliography) 15 %
Problem sets, squibs: (e.g. best 2 out of 4 @ 5) 10 %
Intro to topic, for feedback (could include phono sketch) 5 %
Critical annotated bibliography 15 %
Conference Abstract (with initial bibliography) 10 %
Presentation on an issue (with data, handout & bibliography) 10 %
Final research report / write-up ** 30 %

Participation & preparation (active & appropriate) 5%

TOTAL 100% (possible 5% for prior outline)

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(* Can be an “arc” on the same language / issues, but not necessarily)

Due dates: to be discussed & agreed upon.
Final date for research report: April 8.

Provisional Calendar:

I will present the initial chapter (Introduction) and at least one of the chapters from Part I (Conceptual Issues). During that time we will consult individually about and select the topics and readings that are most relevant to your interests for the remainder of the course. Other background readings will be added as needed.

Based on the above, we will collaboratively establish a calendar of readings and presentations.

As in our first class, please read and take into account all of the important academic information for students taking courses in the Department of French Studies, including Linguistics courses: