



# LING6970 Special Topics in Linguistics

## Advanced Syntax: The Minimalist Program



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Professor Victor Junnan PAN is an Associate Professor with tenure in theoretical linguistics, habilitated for PhD student supervision, Head of the Department of Chinese Studies at the University Paris Diderot-Paris 7 and a research staff member affiliated with Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle (LLF-UMR 7110, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique). He also serves as an executive committee member of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL) and the European Association of Chinese Linguistics (EACL). Specializing in Generative Syntax, Prof. Pan's research covers Chinese syntax, French syntax, syntax-semantics-discourse interfaces, etc., and the topics he investigated include interrogatives (*wh*-in-situ, *wh*-ex-situ), special questions, quantification in formal linguistics, information structure (topicalization, focalization), left-periphery, cartography, resumptivity and different types of A'-dependencies. Prof. Pan has published journal articles, book chapters and three research monographs both in French and in English. His most recent book *Resumptivity in Mandarin Chinese: A Minimalist Account* (Mouton De Gruyter, 2016) not only gives a thorough description of the distribution of resumptive dependencies in different contexts from a comparative perspective but also offers a theoretical account in the framework of the Minimalist Program, which improves the general understanding of resumptivity crosslinguistically.

### Course Description

This course aims to introduce the latest development of the Chomskyan Minimalist Program (1993-2015) to Master and Doctoral students. It provides students with an overview on the linguistic model in the MP. It covers the most important topics in current research on the generative syntax, such as labeling and phases. Minimalist mechanisms such as Merge, Agree, Move, Match, Minimal Search, Probe-Goal system will be presented in a detailed way.

### Meeting schedules

#### Monday (10, 17 & 24 July)

9:30am -12:15pm  
2:30pm-5:15pm

#### Wednesday (12 & 19 July)

9:30am -12:15pm  
2:30pm-5:15pm

#### Friday (14 & 21 July)

9:30am -12:15pm  
2:30pm-5:15pm

### Venue

Swire Hall 1, Fung King Hey Building

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