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Is happy to announce a series of lectures on

The Syntax-Semantics of Nominalized Clauses **By: Prof. Keir Moulton (U. SFU)**

The lectures will take place on:

Wednesday 3/5 12:30-16:00

Monday 8/5 12:30-16:00

Wednesday 10/5 12:30-16:00

Monday 15/5 12:30-16:00

Wednesday 17/5 12:30-16:00

Monday 22/5 12:30-16:00

In the **LLCC Seminar Room (200)**

The Australian Research and Graduate Studies Complex

Near the School of Education, Mount Scopus Campus

course description:

Natural languages use a variety of strategies to embed clauses (Dixon and Aikhenvald 2006). A prominent strategy cross-linguistically is nominalization, either through clause-level nominalizing morphology or determiners or both. There is at present, however, no thorough syntax-semantics account for how such nominalized clauses compositionally combine with embedded predicates. While current theories of the syntax-semantic interface may be equipped to handle nominalized clauses that are factive and eventive (Kiparsky and Kiparsky 1971, Melvold 1991, Roussou 1991, et.seq.), nominalized clauses that complement the propositional attitudes verbs (believe, say) pose a challenge because it is not clear what role nominalization is playing compositionally, if any (but see Chierchia 1984, Caponigro and Polinsky 2009). Further, nominalized clauses that describe one of their participants are also subject to debate about their compositionality, in particular internally-headed relative clauses (Shomyama 1999, Grosu 2014, Hastings 2008). This course will focus on issues at the syntax-semantics interface for these clauses. Some background in formal semantics and generative syntax is assumed.

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