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**Towards an empirically grounded interface model of discontinuous phrases:
Cross-Slavic evidence from syntax, information structure, and processing**

Discontinuous phrases are widely attested across languages, yet remain relatively infrequent in usage and are commonly assumed to incur increased processing costs. This raises a central puzzle: if more frequent and less processing-demanding alternatives are available, why do speakers nevertheless employ discontinuous structures?

The talk will present a project proposal addressing this question through a cross-Slavic investigation that combines corpus linguistic analysis of structural factors, information-structural analysis of context embeddings, insights into prosodic correlates of information-structural notions, and psycholinguistic evidence on the cognitive aspects of processing discontinuous phrases. Focusing on the interaction between these domains, the project aims to develop an empirically grounded interface model that accounts for the distribution, function, and processing of discontinuity across Slavic languages.

The presentation is intended as an opportunity to discuss the proposed approach and to receive feedback on the conceptual and methodological design of the project, which is currently under development.