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<p>Course description:</p> <p>The motivation for teaching this course is somewhat unusual: the last decade has seen the publication of three high-impact electronic databases which provide easy access to a wealth of information on (most grammatical) features of a gigantic number of what we may loosely call languages. Specifically, we have at our disposal a typological database of more than 2600 languages (WALS), a “creolist” database of 130 pidgin and creole languages (ApiCS) and a “variationist” database of 74 varieties of English (eWave). These resources offer a unique opportunity of within-database and between-database analysis. To what extent does the range of variation among the varieties of English reflect the differences among the languages of the world? Are the differences among pidgins/creoles more like those found among the varieties of English or more like those found in the languages of the world? Which features of the varieties of English are more, which are less variable? Many more questions can be raised in this comparative spirit.</p> <p>The course welcomes participants with an interest in cross-linguistic study. Moreover, prospective participants should not be afraid of research work. In-class contribution will be mainly based on students’ analyses of the electronic databases listed below. (Of course, the use of these databases will be explained in the course.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matthew S. Dryer & Martin Haspelmath (eds.): <i>The world atlas of language structures online</i>. Leipzig: Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, 2013. - Bernd Kortmann & Kerstin Lunkenheimer (eds.): <i>The electronic world atlas of varieties in English</i>. Berlin: de Gruyter Mouton, 2013. - Susanne Michaelis, Philippe Maurer, Martin Haspelmath & Magnus Huber (eds.): <i>Atlas of pidgin and creole language structures</i>. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013. <p>Recommended reading: Viveka Vilupillai: <i>An introduction to linguistic typology</i>. Amsterdam: Benjamins, 2012.</p>	
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