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*Presents a Mini-Course Seminar on*

## Scalar Implicatures & the Organization of Grammar

This seminar will concentrate on the source of Scalar Implicatures. We will compare the Gricean approach to implicatures, which attributes their presence to a reasoning process about the belief states of speakers, to an alternative language-internal account that we will develop. Various arguments will be presented in favor of the alternative. The arguments will depend on various auxiliary hypotheses about the nature of degree representations, the syntax of comparative constructions, the interpretation of questions and definite descriptions, and the relevance of events or situations to natural language semantics. Much of the course will be dedicated to a discussion of these hypotheses and the evidence in their support. Central to all of this will be a detailed argument that implicature calculation makes use of a modular (i.e., "informationally encapsulated") knowledge-base.

**Just Added**

### Colloquium Presentation

Date: Wednesday, November 10th

Time: 12:00—1:30 p.m.

Location: GFS 118

*Reception to follow in GFS 330 -Linguistics Conference Room*

### Seminar Schedule at USC:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
November 8	12:00-2:30 p.m.	MRF 229
November 9	5:00-7:30 p.m.	SGM 226
November 10	2:00-4:30 p.m.	GFS 330
November 11	2:00-4:30 p.m.	SGM 226

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