## Seminar Language Acquisition and Universal Grammar, WS 02/03

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## Substantive Issues in L2 Acquisition Research

- Is there a distinction between conscious learning and sub conscious acquisition?
- Is learning an L2 like learning an L1?
- What is the role of chronological age in the acquisition of an L2?
- Why do some learners fail to acquire an L2 successfully?
- How can we account for variation between / within I earners?
- What modes of classroom organization, task types, and input facilitate L2 development?

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## Grammatical Competence and Extralinguistic Factors

- Parsing strategies
- u 'Thehorse raced pastthebain fell.'
- Context and mode of presentation
- Pragmatic considerations
- Mental or introspective state
- Linguistic trainin g

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