Linguistics of Discourse (eight seminars)

**seminars 1-2**

**“What is discourse?”**

*Presentations to make.*

**Presentation 1.** – «Discourse and Discourse Analysis. A Retrospective Approach» (*see* attached file 1)

**Presentation 2.** – «Discourse Analysis as a New Cross-Discipline» (*see* attached file 2)

**Presentation 3.** – «Means of production: number of speakers» (*see* attached file 3, Chapter 1, pages 1–2)

**Presentation 4.** – «Type of content: text genres» (*see* attached file 3, Chapter 2, pages 4–5)

**Presentation 5.** – «Manner of production: style and register» (*see* attached file 3, Chapter 3, pages 6–7)

*About 15 minutes for each presentation*

**seminars 3-4**

**“Characteristics of discourse”**

*Presentations to make*

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|  | Topic  | Source  |
| **Presentation 1** | «Coherence» | file 3, Chapter 5, pages 10–12 |
| **Presentation 2** | «Cohesion» | file 3, Chapter 6, pages 13–16 |
| **Presentation 3** | «Thematic grouping and thematic discontinuities» | file 3, Chapter 7, pages 18–21 |
| **Presentation 4** | «Foreground and background information» | file 3, Chapter 12, pages 41–43 |
| **Presentation 5** | «Genre distinctions and discourse modes: Text types differ in their situation type distributions» | file 4 |

*About 15 minutes for each presentation*

**seminars 5-6**

**“Speech Acts”**

*Presentations to make*

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|  | **Topic**  | **Source**  |
| **Presentation 1** | «What is a speech act?» | file 7, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 (pp.1–9) |
| **Presentation 2** | «Why study speech acts?» | file 8, Section 1.4, pp.16–19 |
| **Presentation 3** | «Locution, Illocution and Perlocution» | file 6, Lecture VIII “No title” (pp.94–107) |
| **Presentation 4** | «Austin’s Taxonomy of Speech Acts (verdictives, exercitives, comissives, expositives, and behabitives)» | file 5, Chapter III “Weaknesses in Austin Taxonomy” (pp.7–10) |
| **Presentation 5** | «Searle’s Taxonomy of Speech Acts» | file 5, Chapter IV “Alternative Taxonomy” (pp.10–16) |

*About 15 minutes for each presentation*

**seminars 7-8**

**“Direct and Indirect Speech Acts”**

*Presentations to make*

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|  | **Topic**  | **Source**  |
| **Presentation 1** | «What is a performative?» | file 6, Lecture 1 (pp.10–17) |
| **Presentation 2** | «Reference as a speech act» | file 8, Section 2.3, pp.27–29 |
| **Presentation 3** | «Implicature» | file 9 (pp.43–58) |
| **Presentation 4** | «Indirect speech acts» | file 10, (pp.30–41) |
| **Presentation 5** | «Conversational Analysis» | file 11 (pp.48–54) |

*About 10–15 minutes for each presentation*