

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION: AN ANALYSIS OF INTERLANGUAGE

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The aim of this course is to introduce the students to the field of language acquisition with an empirical approach to the subject. After an introduction to the main research models, the themes of greatest current interest will be tackled, such as the differences between second language and foreign language acquisition, the contrast between natural and formal acquisition and approaches towards form or contents in the latter, the age factor, access to universal grammar, the explicit-implicit contrast, etc... This will be done through the presentation of practical examples and data generally from the production of non-native learners. The aim is to allow the students to work with the most recent general bibliography on the subject and to recognise fields of interest to them in order to identify them, review them and, if necessary, develop them as field work. Here we shall be familiarising ourselves with the collection and organisation of data and the formulation of hypotheses according to different frameworks presented.