Implicational hierarchies in the domain of complementation

In this talk I will discuss generalizations that follow the implicational complementation hierarchy (ICH) speech > belief > evidential/epistemic > irrealis/future > tenseless:

Shifted indexicals: If a language allows shifted indexicals in the complement of a particular type of predicate, the language also allows them in the complement of predicates further to the left on ICH (Sundaresan 2012).

ECM: If a language allows ECM in the complement of a particular type of predicate, the language also allows it in the complement of predicates further to the right on ICH.

Clausehood effects: Independence effects of the complement decrease, and transparency/integration effects increase from left to right on ICH.

An implementation of the hierarchy in terms of syntactic and semantic complexity will be suggested that derives the implicational nature via containment relations of syntactic domains. The variation found regarding complementation phenomena will be attributed to (micro-)parameters regulating the features and composition of the clausal domains.