



## Public Lecture

# Nominal and Non-nominal Subjects and Adieu to the A/A'- Distinction



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**Date:** March 9, 2024 (Saturday)

**Time:** 9:30am - 10:30am (Hong Kong Time, UTC +8)

**Venue:** Lecture Theatre 1A, Cheng Yu Tung Building,  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

### Abstract:

The talk argues that nominal and non-nominal subjects occur in different subject positions, with some superficially nominal subjects becoming non-nominal during the derivation. The talk also shows that this enables us to capture binding effects without appealing to the A/A'-distinction: all that is needed is simple c-command. Certain points of crosslinguistic variation with respect to quirky subjects (more precisely, regarding their ability to bind subject-oriented anaphors), will also be discussed.

### Speaker:

Željko Bošković is Professor in the Department of Linguistics and the Cognitive Science Program at the University of Connecticut. His research interests include syntactic theory, generative typology, the syntax-semantics interface, and the syntax-phonology interface. He has been teaching at the University of Connecticut since 1995, when he obtained his PhD degree. He has published four books and over 130 research articles, which have been published in various prestigious linguistic journals, such as *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* and *The Linguistic Review*. His research has contributed significantly to the field of formal linguistics. He has also overseen over 50 PhD dissertations.

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