SPAN 6400: L2 Phonetics and Phonology

Dr. Germán Zárate-Sández  Thursday, 6:30 – 9 p.m.

This course will begin with an overview of the Spanish phonological system and will introduce students to the basics of phonetic analysis using PRAAT. Then the course will move to an in-depth discussion of current theories and models of second language (L2) pronunciation. Class readings, assignments, and final research paper will lead students to explore, for example, the factors that affect the acquisition and use of L2 pronunciation, the role of instruction and the learners’ first language, and predicted routes of development in L2 phonology, with a particular emphasis on Spanish as a second language.