

# EALL TALK SERIES

## “Noun Phrases and Language Variation”

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**Nouns** in Chinese-type languages behave differently in several salient ways from those in Germanic and Romance languages. To name a few: Chinese-type nouns do not have obligatory plural markers (*-s/es*) or articles (*a/an/the*), but they do have a unique, systematic inventory of classifiers, or words that obligatorily appear with nouns and numbers. Though nouns in Chinese-type languages share a great deal in common with each other, we also observe key differences among these languages with respect to their nominals. This talk explores these differences and proposes a new theory to accommodate data from both Chinese-type languages and languages with obligatory articles/plural marking.

**Light refreshments will be served.**

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