Special Topics in Schenkerian Analysis

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Despite the ubiquitous application of Schenkerian techniques and the frequent polemic this engenders, many central issues of Schenkerian still lack thoughtful consideration. This seminar will select a number of these issues and subject them to scrutiny, while maintaining focus on close reading of individual pieces. Possible topics may include:

The subdominant in Schenkerian theory
The temporality of the linear progression
Schenkerian analysis and recent theories of form
Nineteenth-century chromaticism

Issues covered will be chosen in consultation with members of the seminar, who are encouraged to suggest possible topics in advance of our first meeting. A presentation and paper on the chosen topic will be required.

An introduction to Schenkerian analysis is required for the class; advanced study is preferred. Contact Prof. Samarotto for permission.

