



# linguist society of southern africa linguistevereniging van suider-afrika

[home](#) [about us](#) [news](#) [journal](#) [member](#) [conference](#) [site map](#) [contact us](#)

Archive news

Submit  
information  
for the News  
page

Other  
website links

## News

January 2010

### **The Grammar of Proper Names - A Typological Perspective** [New](#)

Date: 07 to 08 October 2010

Location: Regensburg, Germany

Contact: [Johannes Helmbrecht](#)

Proper names are perhaps a universal class of expressions. The typical and most important members of this class are anthroponyms, i.e. names that refer to human individuals and toponyms, i.e. names that refer to distinct individual places.

They are lexical units of various morphological and syntactic complexity, i.e.

they may be single lexical morphemes, morphological complex words, or multiword syntactic constructions.

The morphosyntactic behavior of proper names deviates significantly from that of other syntactic categories such as common nouns and personal pronouns. Within the noun phrase proper names show various distributional restrictions compared to common nouns. On the other hand, they have usually more distributional possibilities than e.g. personal pronouns. In addition, proper names often exhibit deviations with regard to the coding of the core grammatical relations within the clause. For instance, proper names may show different case marking patterns compared to common nouns and personal pronouns. Furthermore, one can find specific morphological categories such as the vocative case and the proper name marker in the languages of the world, which are more or less confined to proper names as a syntactic category.

### **The Oxford Handbook of Compounding (Oxford University Press)** [New](#)

The Oxford Handbook of Compounding has the intention of being a resource for scholars working on compounds and also a starting point for the non-initiated. The book contains a short presentation of the contributors, 34 chapters divided in 2 parts, references and an index. The first part deals with compounds from a theoretical point of view. The 16 chapters in this part concentrate on how compounds are treated in various theoretical frameworks, from a synchronic, diachronic, psycholinguistic and developmental perspective. The second part has a typological approach and contains chapters on 17 different languages from various language families. This is, according to the editors, the largest number of languages compiled on the topic.

Editors: Rochelle Lieber and Pavol ?tekauer

**The World in a Shell - tour** [New](#)

The World in a Shell" , is an art-science concept piece - embodied in the form of a modified shipping container - that will travel, over the coming 5 years, to 11 locations - with each location - e.g. Ghanzi, Botswana - selected on the basis of both its status as a UNESCO World Heritage site; and because of the presence of "first peoples" there - e.g the Khoe San, in Botswana. At each location it will serve as a sort of art/research/cultural laboratory; as a demonstration of a sustainable, non-disruptive-to-lifestyle technology; and as a collector and transmitter of data. The project kicks off with an exhibition in Rotterdam at the NAI in March, with all the exhibit's catalog content due by the end of January. In the catalog there will be a section to present the people and locations which will be visited. To make it a more personal story we would like to publish the following hand written sentence in (one of) the original language/dialect of the first peoples - either by one of the first peoples, or someone with the capability of writing in the Native tongue.

[Read more...](#)

**The Language Design** [New](#)

Date: 27 to 30 May 2010

Location: Montreal (Quebec), Canada

Contact: [Anna Maria Di Sciullo](#)

The last decade has seen advances in our understanding of the factors entering into the human language design stemming from linguistic theory, biolinguistics, and biophysics. This workshop brings together participants from a broad array of disciplines to discuss topics that include the connection between linguistic theory and genetics, evolutionary developmental biology and language variation, computer science/information theory and the reduction of uncertainty/complexity.

[Read more...](#)

**The Evolution of Human Language** [New](#)

The way language as a human faculty has evolved is a question that preoccupies researchers from a wide spread of disciplines. In this book, a team of writers has been brought together to examine the evolution of language from a variety of such standpoints, including language's genetic basis, the anthropological context of its appearance, its formal structure, its relation to systems of cognition and thought, as well as its possible evolutionary antecedents. The book includes Hauser, Chomsky, and Fitch's seminal and provocative essay on the subject, 'The Faculty of Language,' and charts the progress of research in this active and highly controversial field since its publication in 2002. This timely volume will be welcomed by researchers and students in a number of disciplines, including linguistics, evolutionary biology, psychology, and cognitive science.

Editors: Richard K. Larson, Viviane Deprez and Hiroko Yamakido

[Read more...](#)

**Linguist list on twitter** [New](#)

Twitter is a free, social networking and microblogging service that enables users to post short headlines. Each post, or tweet, is limited to 140 characters, allowing you to keep up with news in a short amount of time. At this year's LSA, people asked for a Twitterfeed for LINGUIST, and we like to keep you happy. The LINGUIST List is now on Twitter! Each LINGUIST tweet is a shortened version of a single announcement, including only the topic name (i.e. Books, Jobs, Calls), the message subject, and a link to the full issue online. We have two Twitterfeeds, one for every announcement and one only for the jobs posted on LINGUIST. To follow one of these feeds using your Twitter account.

[Read more...](#)

### **43rd Annual Meeting of the British Association for Applied Linguistics** [New](#)

Date: 09 to 11 September 2010

Location: Aberdeen, Scotland, United Kingdom

Contact Person: [Robert McColl Millar](#)

Call Deadline: 31 March 2010

BAAL 2010 will be held at the University of Aberdeen.

The conference

will be organised by the School of Language and

Literature and the Centre for

Linguistic Research.

[Read more...](#)

### **The 16th World Congress of Applied Linguistics** [New](#)

Date: 23 to 28 August 2011

Location: Beijing, China

Contact Person: [Changcheng Duan](#)

This is the 16th of World Congress of Applied Linguistics. The Congress is held every three years. All proposals should be submitted by completing the online submission form.

[Read more...](#)

### **Linguistics at School** [New](#)

Linguistics is a subject that has remained largely confined to the academy, rather than being integrated into school curricula. This is unfortunate but not surprising, as although some teacher education programs include

courses on linguistics, it is not comprehensively integrated into teacher education, so it is largely absent from the curriculum.

This volume brings together a team of leaders in the field of linguistics and education, to provide an overview of the current state of research and practice.

It demonstrates changes which can be made to teaching, such as revising teacher's preparation, developing and implementing practical applications of linguistics in both primary and secondary classrooms, partnering linguists with classroom teachers, and working to improve state and national education standards. The contributors emphasize the importance of collaboration between professional linguists and educators in order to meet a common goal: to raise awareness of the workings of language.

Editors: Kristin Denham and Anne Lobeck

[Read more...](#)

### **2nd International Conference on Corpus Linguistics** [New](#)

Date: 13 to 15 May 2010

Location: A Coruña, Spain

Contact: [Isabel Moskowich](#)

The Conference will focus on Corpus Linguistics as a discipline rather than on research on particular languages.

[Read more...](#)

### **Reciprocity in English** [New](#)

Although the grammatical expression of reciprocal (or 'mutual') situations in the languages of the world has received a surprising amount of attention in recent years, so far no comprehensive study specifically dealing with the historical development and synchronic structure of English reciprocal constructions has been published. This book takes into consideration insights from the three major research projects on reciprocity in the languages of the world as well as the rich literature on more specific aspects of reciprocity. Assuming a usage-based model of grammar, the development of the reciprocal strategies used in present-day English is described, with special attention paid to the periods following Middle English, where today's system began to take shape. The means of expressing reciprocity in today's English (e.g. the expressions each other and one another) are then analyzed as a system of competing constructions, the make-up and distribution of which can be related both to their history and subtle distinctions in meaning and use associated with the different constructions. Quantitative data from corpora of natural language provides evidence for the analyses put forward. Wherever possible, claims on

### **Grammar as Science** [New](#)

This introductory text takes a novel approach to the study of syntax. Grammar as Science offers an introduction to syntax as an exercise in scientific theory construction. Syntax provides an excellent instrument for introducing students from a wide variety of backgrounds to the principles of scientific theorizing and scientific thought; it engages general intellectual themes present in all scientific theorizing as well as those arising specifically within the modern cognitive sciences. The book is intended for students majoring in linguistics as well as non-linguistics majors who are taking the course to fulfill undergraduate requirements. Grammar as Science covers such core topics in syntax as phrase structure, constituency, the lexicon, inaudible elements, movement rules, and transformational constraints, while emphasizing scientific reasoning skills. The individual units are organized thematically into sections that highlight important components of this enterprise, including choosing between theories, constructing explicit arguments for

the expression of reciprocity in present-day English are checked against what is known about the grammar of reciprocity in other languages.

Author: Florian Haas

[Read more...](#)

hypotheses, and the conflicting demands that push us toward expanding our technical toolkit on the one hand and constraining it on the other. Grammar as Science is constructed as a "laboratory science" course in which students actively experiment with linguistic data.

Syntactica, a software application tool that allows students to create and explore simple grammars in a graphical, interactive way, will be available online in conjunction with the book, and a manual will be available to accompany the software. Students are encouraged to "try the rules out," and build grammars rule-by-rule, checking the consequences at each stage.

Author: Richard K. Larson

[Read more...](#)

### **Complex Processes in New Languages** [New](#)

In recent years, there has been a new interest in evaluating 'complex' structures in languages. The implications of such studies are varied, e.g., the distinction between supposedly more complex and less complex languages, how complexity relates to human knowledge of language, and the role of the reduction or increase of complexity in language change and creolization. This book focuses on the latter issue, but the conclusions presented here hold of typological 'complexity' in general. The chapters in this book show that the notion of complexity as conceived of in linguistics mainly centres on the outer manifestations of language (e.g., numbers of affixes). This

exercise is useful in establishing the patterning of languages in terms of their degrees of analyticity or synthesis, but it fails to address the properties of the inner rules of these grammars, and how these relate to the computational system that governs the human language capacity. Put

simply, issues of complexity should not be equated with the complexity observed in surface patterns of grammars alone.

Editors: Enoch O. Aboh and Norval Smith

[Read more...](#)

### **Statistics for Linguistics with R** [New](#)

This book is an introduction to statistics for linguists using the open source software R. It is aimed at students and instructors/professors with little or no statistical background and is written in a non-technical and reader-friendly/accessible style. It first introduces in detail the overall logic underlying quantitative studies: exploration, hypothesis formulation and operationalization, and the notion and meaning of significance tests. It then introduces some

basics of the software R relevant to statistical data analysis. A chapter on descriptive statistics explains how summary statistics for frequencies,

averages, and correlations are generated with R and how they are graphically represented best. A chapter on analytical statistics explains how statistical tests are performed in R on the basis of many different linguistic case studies: For nearly every single example, it is explained what the structure of the test looks like, how hypotheses are formulated, explored, and tested for statistical significance, how the results are graphically represented, and how one would summarize them in a paper/article.

A chapter on selected multifactorial methods introduces how more complex research designs can be studied: methods for the study of multifactorial frequency data, correlations, tests for means, and binary response data are discussed and exemplified step-by-step. Also, the exploratory approach of hierarchical cluster analysis is illustrated in detail.

Author: Stefan T. Gries

[Read more...](#)

### Constituent Structure, 2nd Edition

This book explores the empirical and theoretical aspects of constituent structure in natural language syntax. It surveys a wide variety of functionalist and formalist theoretical approaches, from dependency grammars and Relational Grammar to Lexical Functional Grammar, Head-driven Phrase Structure Grammar, and Minimalism. It describes the traditional tests for constituency and the formal means for representing them in phrase structure grammars, extended phrase structure grammars, X-bar theory, and set theoretic bare phrase structure. In doing so it provides a clear, thorough, and rigorous axiomatic description of the structural properties of constituent trees. Andrew Carnie considers the central controversies on constituent structure. Is it, for example, a primitive notion or should it be derived from relational or semantic form? Do sentences have a single constituency or multiple constituencies? Does constituency operate on single or multiple dimensions? And what exactly is the categorial content of constituent structure representations? He identifies points of commonality as well as important theoretical differences among the various approaches to constituency, and critically examines the strengths and limitations of competing frameworks. This new edition includes textual revisions as well as a new final chapter and ensures that Constituent Structure remains the definitive guide to constituency for advanced undergraduates and graduate students, as well as theoretical linguists of all persuasions in departments of linguistics, cognitive science, computational science, and related fields.  
Author: Andrew Carnie

[Read more...](#)

### Cognition and Pragmatics

The ten volumes of Handbook of Pragmatics Highlights focus on the most salient topics in the field of pragmatics, thus dividing its wide interdisciplinary spectrum in a transparent and manageable way. While other volumes select philosophical, grammatical, social, variational, interactional, or discursive angles, this third volume focuses on the interface between language and cognition. Language use is impossible without the mobilization of a large variety of cognitive processes, each serving a different purpose. During the last half century cognitive approaches to language have been particularly successful, and the broad spectrum of contributions to this volume testify to this success. As cognitive approaches to language are by definition a subset of the larger enterprise of cognitive science, a contribution on this general topic sets the stage. This is joined by a chapter on cognitive grammar, a theoretical study of the architecture of human language that is deeply inspired by general cognitive principles. A chapter on experimentation offers a crash-course on basic issues of experimental design and on the rationale behind statistical testing in general and the most important statistical tests in particular, offering a methodological toolkit for understanding many of the other contributions. Different chapters cover a broad range of topics: language acquisition, psycholinguistics, specialized topics within the latter field (e.g. the bilingual mental lexicon, categorization), and aspects of language awareness. Some chapters home in on what have become indispensable perspectives on the cognitive underpinnings of language: the way language is represented and processed in the human brain and simulation studies. The ever-growing success of the latter type of studies is exemplified, for instance, by the highly flourishing connectionist tradition and the more general paradigm of artificial intelligence, each of which is dealt with in a separate contribution.  
Editors: Dominiek Sandra, Jan-Ola Östman and Jef Verschueren

[Read more...](#)

### Semantic Domains in Computational Linguistics

Semantic fields are lexically coherent - the words they contain co-occur in texts. In this book the authors introduce and define semantic domains, a computational model for lexical semantics inspired by the theory of semantic fields. Semantic domains allow us to exploit domain features for texts, terms and concepts, and they can significantly boost the performance of natural-language processing systems. Semantic domains can be derived from existing lexical resources or can be acquired from corpora in an unsupervised manner. They also have the property of interlinguality, and they can be used to relate terms in different languages in multilingual application scenarios. The authors give a comprehensive explanation of the computational model, with detailed chapters on semantic domains,

### Corpus Linguistics and World Englishes

"This book should be of great interest to students and researchers? [it] offers inspiring discussions on issues of linguistic identity and language attitude in the speech community? this book is beautifully written, well-structured, and extremely accessible. It is an exemplary work for students interested in pursuing corpus-based language studies and a valuable resource for researchers interested in studying BSAE and XE as world Englishes." English is a global language which has spread historically through imperialism and more recently through communication networks throughout the world. In each location in which English is spoken it absorbs some of the idiosyncracies of

domain models, and applications of the technique in text categorization, word sense disambiguation, and cross-language text categorization. This book is suitable for researchers and graduate students in computational linguistics.

Authors: Alfio Gliozzo and Carlo Strapparava

the language native to that region, and one of the most fascinating areas of research for World Englishes is the African context. This research monograph examines English as it is spoken in South Africa, and is based primarily on an extensive spoken corpus of Xhosa English.

Vivian de Klerk presents a detailed and comprehensive analysis of the historical development of this language, and of English in South Africa more generally. The book outlines how the corpus of spoken language was designed and built, and discusses the criteria relating to informants, spoken categories, codes and transcription conventions. The syntactic, phonological and pragmatic features of Xhosa English as demonstrated by the corpus are described in detail, and two chapters focus on discourse markers such as 'actually' and 'well'. The second section of this book examines the sociolinguistic implications of the corpus findings. Vivian de Klerk looks at language in educational, legal, social, cultural and everyday contexts. The final chapter of the book speculates as to the future of this fascinating variety of English in a globalised world. This cutting-edge study will be of interest to researchers in world Englishes, language variation and corpus linguistics.

Editor: Vivian Anne de Klerk

[Read more...](#)

[Read more...](#)

### **Text, Speech and Dialogue**

This volume constitutes selected papers from the 12th International Conference on Text, Speech and Dialogue, TSD 2009, held in Pilsen, Czech Republic, in September 2009. This volume contains a collection of submitted papers presented at the conference which were thoroughly reviewed by three members of the conference reviewing team consisting of more than 40 top specialists in the conference topic areas. A total of 53 accepted papers out of 112

submitted, altogether contributed 127 authors and co-authors, were selected for presentation at the conference by the program committee and then included in this book. Theoretical and more general contributions were presented in common (plenary) sessions. Problem oriented sessions as well as panel discussions then brought together the specialists in limited problem areas with the aim of exchanging knowledge and skills resulting from research projects of all kinds.

Editors: Vaclav Matousek and Pavel Mautner

### **Causal Categories in Discourse and Cognition**

All languages of the world provide their speakers with linguistic means to express causal relations in discourse. Causal connectives and causative auxiliaries are among the salient markers of causal construals. Cognitive scientists and linguists are interested in how much of this causal modeling is specific to a given culture and language, and how much is characteristic of general human cognition. Speakers of English, for example, can choose between because and since or between therefore and so. How different are these from the choices made by Dutch speakers, who speak a closely related language, but (unlike English speakers) have a dedicated marker for non-volitional causality (daardoor)? The central question in this volume is: What parameters of categorization shape the use of causal connectives and auxiliary verbs across languages? The book discusses how differences between even quite closely related languages (English, Dutch, Polish) can help us to elaborate the typology of levels and categories of causation represented in language. In addition, the volume demonstrates convergence of linguistic, corpus-linguistic and psycholinguistic methodologies in determining cognitive

[Read more...](#)

categories of causality. The basic notion of causality appears to be an ideal linguistic phenomenon to provide an overview of methods and, perhaps more importantly, invoke a discussion on the most adequate methodological approaches to study fundamental issues in language and cognition. Editors: Ted Sanders and Eve E. Sweetser

[Read more...](#)

### Methodology of Linguistic Research

Date: 15 to 19 March 2010

Location: Copenhagen, Denmark

Contact: [Katrine Reiff Sano](#)

This course aims at giving the participants an introduction to the basic methodologies available in research into language and discourse. The first day will be devoted to the general theory of science as it pertains to research into language and discourse. Central aspects of the collection and treatment of data will be discussed, with an attempt to create a common overview and a first acquaintance with the many theoretical and methodological approaches that are applied in the PhD projects present at the course. The three following days will take us into the methods traditionally used in formal, functional, computational, cognitive and socio-linguistic approaches. The fifth and final day we will again try to combine the general with the specific and discuss how the different approaches relate to each other, and whether 'I' learnt something that might be advantageously applied in my project from enlarging my acquaintance with other paradigms and approaches. In order to secure the realism of this course framework and a red thread throughout, the same two teachers, Tore Kristiansen and Pia Quist, will be present during the whole course.

[Read more...](#)

### Handbook of Pragmatics

This encyclopaedia of one of the major fields of language studies is a continuously updated source of state-of-the-art information for anyone interested in language use. The IPrA Handbook now contains nearly 5,000 pages. It provides easy access for scholars with widely divergent backgrounds but with convergent interests in the use and functioning of language to the different topics, traditions and methods which together make up the field of Pragmatics, broadly conceived as "the cognitive, social and cultural study of language and communication". The Handbook of Pragmatics is a unique reference work for researchers: the main body of the Handbook is produced in loose-leaf format in 3-ring binders and is accompanied by the bound Manual. The loose-leaf Handbook forms the basis of the Handbook proper giving an overview of the subfields, traditions, methodologies and concepts of Pragmatics.

Editors: Jan-Ola Östman and Jef Verschueren

[Read more...](#)

### Language as Dialogue

With her theory of 'Language as Dialogue', Edda Weigand has opened up a new and promising perspective in linguistic research and its neighbouring disciplines. Her model of 'competence-in-performance' solved the problem of how to bridge the gap between competence and performance and thus substantially shaped the way in which people look at language today. This book traces Weigand's linguistic career from its beginning to today and comprises a selection of articles which take the reader on a vivid and fascinating journey through the most important stages of her theorizing. The initial stage when a model of communicative competence was developed is followed by a gradual transition period which finally resulted in the theory of the dialogic action game as a mixed game or the Mixed Game Model.

The articles cover a wide range of linguistic topics including, among others, speech act theory, lexical semantics, utterance grammar, emotions, the media, rhetoric and institutional communication. Editorial introductions give further information on the origin

### Contexts and Constructions

This collection of original articles focuses on the function, role, and structure of linguistic and extralinguistic "context(s)" in relation to the notion of "constructions" and in construction grammar. It thus takes up and brings together two equally complex concepts of linguistics, which both encompass structural as well as pragmatic and discourse-oriented aspects. Although both notions - contexts as well as constructions - have been under intense discussion in linguistics during the last decades with a wide span of research interests, integrative studies of these aspects have been largely missing. The eight papers presented in this volume explore the possibilities and risks of integrating context(s) into particular constructions and construction grammar in general. Topics range from particular language and construction-specific problems such as the "polysemy" of modal verbs in relation to context-sensitive constructions, to general

and theoretical background of the articles included.  
Author: Edda Weigand

[Read more...](#)

technical analyses and proposals, including proposals for formalizing contextual features in constructional representations. The volume will be of interest to scholars and advanced undergraduates interested in linguistic theory in general and in constructional, pragmatic and discourse-analytic approaches in particular.  
Editors: Alexander Bergs and Gabriele Diewald

[Read more...](#)

### **Text, Time, and Context**

Carlota S. Smith was a key figure in linguistic research and a pioneering woman in generative linguistics. This selection of papers focuses on the research into tense, aspect, and discourse that Smith completed while Professor of Linguistics at the University of Texas at Austin. Smith, who died in 2007, was a trailblazer in her field whose broad interests fed into her scholarly research. Selected by Carlota Smith herself and by her longtime friends and colleagues, this book contains her 1980 piece on temporal structures in discourse, her 1986 comparison of the English and French aspectual systems, a 1996 paper on the aspect system in Navajo (an increasingly-endangered language which Smith worked to preserve), and her 1980 and 1993 papers on the child's acquisition of tense and aspect. The current volume of articles covers much of her most fruitful work on the way in which language is used to express time, and will be essential reading for many working and studying in linguistics generally and in semantics particularly.

Editors: Richard P. Meier, Helen Aristar-Dry and Emilie Destruel

[Read more...](#)

### **Principien der Sprachgeschichte**

Principien der Sprachgeschichte (1880) is Hermann Paul's best-known work. In this book, the German literary scholar and linguist argues that although language is a product of human culture and the study of language is therefore best categorised as history, language can most effectively be analysed with methods taken from the natural sciences. Paul develops a system of principles that draws heavily on cognitive and psychological elements in order to account for how language has developed. In 14 chapters he sets out a detailed account of the history of language that includes general observations on the development of language, the consequences of sound change, semantic shift and the divergence of etymologically connected words, and aspects of syntax. He also compares written and spoken language varieties, and the origins of dialects and standard languages.

Author: Hermann Paul

[Read more...](#)

### **Becoming Eloquent**

Few topics of scientific enquiry have attracted more attention in the last decade than the origin and evolution of language. Few have offered an equivalent intellectual challenge for interdisciplinary collaborations between linguistics, cognitive science, prehistoric archaeology, palaeoanthropology, genetics, neurophysiology, computer science and robotics. The contributions presented in this volume reflect the multiplicity of interests and research strategy used to tackle this complex issue, summarize new relevant data and emerging theories, provide an updated view of this interdisciplinary venture, and, when possible, seek a future in this broad field of study.

Editors: Francesco d'Errico and Jean-Marie Hombert

[Read more...](#)

### **Theories of Lexical Semantics**

"Theories of Lexical Semantics" offers a comprehensive overview of the major traditions of word meaning research in linguistics. In spite of the growing importance of the lexicon in linguistic theory, no overview of the main theoretical trends in lexical semantics is currently available. This book fills that gap by charting the evolution of the discipline from the mid nineteenth century to the present day. It presents the main ideas, the landmark publications, and the dominant figures of five traditions: historical-philological semantics, structuralist semantics, generativist semantics, neostructuralist semantics, and cognitive semantics. The theoretical and methodological relationship between the approaches is a major point of attention throughout the text: going well beyond a mere chronological enumeration, the book does not only describe the theoretical currents of lexical semantics, but also the undercurrents that have shaped its evolution.

Author: Dirk Geeraerts

[Read more...](#)**Signifying and Understanding**

The theory of signifying (significs), formulated and introduced by Victoria Welby for the first time in 1890s, is at the basis of much of twentieth-century linguistics, as well as in other language and communication sciences such as sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, translation theory and semiotics. Indirectly, the origins of approaches, methods and categories elaborated by analytical philosophy, Wittgenstein himself, Anglo-American speech act theory, and pragmatics are largely found with Victoria Lady Welby. Indeed, it is no exaggeration to say, in addition, that Welby is the "founding mother" of semiotics. Some of Peirce's most innovative writings - for example, those on existential graphs - are effectively letters to Lady Welby. She was an esteemed correspondent of scholars such as Bertrand Russell, Charles K. Ogden, Herbert G. Wells, Ferdinand S. C. Schiller, Michel Bréal, André Lalande, the brothers Henry and William James, and Peirce, as well as Frederik van Eeden, Mary Everst Boole, Ferdinand Tönnies, and Giovanni Vailati. Her writings directly inspired the Signific Movement in the Netherlands, important for psycholinguistics, linguistics and semantics and inaugurated by van Eeden and developed by such authors as Gerrit Mannoury. This volume, containing introductions and commentaries, presents a selection from Welby's published and unpublished writings delineating the whole course of her research through to developments with the Significs Movement in the Netherlands and still other ramifications, contemporary and subsequent to her. A selection of essays by first-generation significians contributing to the Signific Movement in the Netherlands completes the collection, testifying to the progress of significs after Welby and even independently from her. This volume contributes to the reconstruction on both the historical and theoretical levels of an important period in the history of ideas. The aim of the volume is to convey a sense of the theoretical topicality of significs and its developments, especially in semiotics, and in particular its thematization of the question of values and the connection with signs, meaning, and understanding, therefore with human verbal and nonverbal behavior, language and communication.

Author: Susan Petrilli

[Read more...](#)**Email Hoaxes (John Benjamins)**

The book is based on the thesis submitted by the author, Theresa Heyd, for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf in April 2007. It is a genre study of a computer-mediated text type, the email hoax (EH), in which the author investigates a corpus of EHs in order to assess whether a status of genre can be given to this discourse form. This research question leads to the definition of a framework for the linguistic analysis of genre in general.

Author: Theresa Heyd

**The Native Speaker Concept**

The "native speaker" is often thought of as an ideal language user with "a complete and possibly innate competence in the language" which is perceived as being bounded and fixed to a homogeneous speech community and linked to a nation-state. Despite recent works that challenge its empirical accuracy and theoretical utility, the notion of the "native speaker" is still prevalent today. The Native Speaker Concept shifts the analytical focus from the second language acquisition processes and teaching practices to daily interactions situated in wider sociocultural and political contexts marked by increased global movements of people and multilingual situations. Using an ethnographic approach, the

**Let the Children Speak: Learning of Critical Language Skills**

Date: 22 to 24 January 2010

Location: London, United Kingdom

Contact: [Angeliek van Hout](#)

Two children in every classroom across Europe suffer from Specific Language Impairment (SLI), meaning that they have problems learning language. Language is one of the key skills that children need in order to succeed in education and in later life; without it, children may fail to reach their potential. Early assessment of language skills, to identify children who have SLI, is essential. Yet

volume critically elucidates the political nature of (not) claiming the "native speaker" status in daily life and the ways the ideology of "native speaker" intersects and articulates, supports, subverts, or complicates various relations of dominance and regimes of standardization. The book offers cases from diverse settings, including classrooms in Japan, a coffee shop in Barcelona, secondary schools in South Africa, a backyard in Rapa Nui (Easter Island), restaurant kitchens, a high school administrator's office, a college classroom in the United States, and the Internet. It also offers a genealogy of the notion of the "native speaker" from the time of the Roman Empire. Employing linguistic, anthropological and educational theories, the volume speaks not only to the analyses of language use and language policy, planning, and teaching, but also to the investigation of wider effects of language ideology on relations of dominance, and institutional and discursive practices.

Editor: Neriko Musha Doerr

migration and multilingualism may make it difficult to assess whether children have the necessary language skills to access the school curriculum, and diagnosing SLI across Europe is a challenge. SLI is costing Europe more than 250 billion Euros a year. That's equivalent to 1% of GDP, enough to bail out a medium-sized bank. Like the world banking crisis, it must be addressed at an international level. In a unique initiative, scientists from 25 European countries (and close neighbours), and representing 25 languages (covering the major European language families: Germanic, Romance, Slavic, Baltic, Greek and Romani and also Finno-Ugric and Semitic) have worked together to investigate the critical language skills that children need to learn. We have created an assessment that is comparable across languages, with 13 subtests that test critical skills in grammar, semantics and pragmatics. This work allows us to assess whether a child has the key language abilities needed for education and life-long learning in languages across the EU, and can serve as a template for other languages too. This work provides the necessary platform for politicians, professionals and scientists alike to take up the reins to collaboratively address the severe socio-economic cost of our children's lost potential. We are therefore bringing together a unique team of experts from across the EU - politicians, educationalists, health specialists, scientists and parents to address this challenge at a ground-breaking international conference.

[Read more...](#)

[Read more...](#)

### **The Dynamics of Linguistic Variation (John Benjamins)**

This volume, the second in the new John Benjamins book series 'Studies in Language Variation', resulted from the ICAME 27 conference at Helsinki in May 2006. The 15 chapters are based on papers given at the conference which had as its theme "Language variation, contact and change." They present the results of carefully conducted corpus-based studies of a wide range of linguistic processes leading to linguistic change. The contributions were selected for inclusion in the volume on the basis of their methodological diversity and complementarity which, according to the editors, is essential "in order to obtain a maximally comprehensive view of linguistic variation" (p. 4). The volume brings together methodological approaches to the study of language variation and change from corpus linguistics, pragmatics and comparative sociolinguistics. Adding to its comprehensiveness is the fact that the volume contains analyses of diverse synchronic and diachronic corpora representing a range of regional, national and stylistic varieties of English. In addition, the volume features a broad spectrum of different types of linguistic features: discourse-pragmatic, morphosyntactic and phonological features all receive attention. Most

### **Discourse and Power (Palgrave Macmillan)**

This book is a collection of previously published articles which contribute to the development of the theoretical grounds for the discipline known as Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA), or Critical Discourse Studies (CDS), as van Dijk proposes to re-name it in the introduction. The articles address one of the central conceptual fields in CDA - relations of power and domination in society and their reflections in discourse. On a theoretical plane, working definitions are given of non-linguistic concepts, such as power, access, ideology, and racism from the point of view of Discourse Analysis (DA), which can keep DA researchers afloat in the sea of definitions from other disciplines. From the point of view of discourse, valuable descriptions are offered of the linguistic mechanisms of manipulation, discrimination, lying, and political argument. A particularly impressive interdisciplinary contribution is the description of the cognitive processes involved in interpreting political discourse. Among the noteworthy theoretical contributions is a novel definition of context suited to the purpose of analysing power in society. All the theoretical insights are illustrated with specific research results

papers consider language-internal and -external factors as potential constraints on linguistic variation. Its breadth makes the volume a welcome and unique contribution to the growing literature on linguistic variation and change.

Editors: Terttu Nevalainen, Irma Taavitsainen, Päiva Patha and Minna Korhonen

### Information Structure

In this book leading scholars provide state-of-the-art overviews of approaches to the formal expression of information structure in natural language and its interaction with general principles of human cognition and communication. They present critical accounts of current understanding of how aspects of grammar, such as prosody, syntax, morphology, semantics, and pragmatics, interact in the packing and unpacking of information in communication. They also look at the psycholinguistics behind the production and perception of information-structural categories. The book reflects the advances in recent research on all central aspects of the subject, including concepts of focus versus background, topic versus comment, and given versus new, and the kinds of inferences required to make sense of different combinations of words, syntax, intonation, and context. The chapters include typological and diachronic perspectives on information structure. Taken as a whole the book demonstrates the productive value of combining theoretical and experimental approaches.

Editors: Malte Zimmermann and Caroline Fery

[Read more...](#)

### Geschichte der deutschen Sprache

Jacob Grimm (1785-1863) became a household name around the world through the collections of fairy tales he compiled with his brother Wilhelm. Jacob's specialism was the history of the German language, which he studied in the broader context of Indo-European philology. Others working in this

burgeoning field included the older scholar Rasmus Rask and Grimm's contemporary Franz Bopp (also published in this series). Grimm's two-volume *Geschichte der deutschen Sprache*, reissued here, was first published in

1848. It is noteworthy especially for the chapter on the major sound shift now known as Grimm's Law or *die erste deutsche Lautverschiebung*, which sets out regular mappings between Germanic consonants and those found in earlier Indo-European languages, such as English *father* and Latin *pater*. The book also contains a wealth of comparative material on phonology, vocabulary and grammar within Germanic and across the Indo-European spectrum.

Author: Jacob Grimm

from studies of various discourses such as political speeches and debates, newspaper articles, textbooks, etc. Van Dijk says that although the theoretical frameworks are complex, his intention was to keep his descriptions simple enough that students in various disciplines in the Humanities can understand them.

Author: Teun A. van Dijk

### Bootcamp: 'Quantitative Corpus Linguistics with R'

Date: 09 to 15 August 2010

Location: Denton, Texas, USA

Contact: [Stefanie Wulff](#)

This bootcamp/workshop is a hands-on introduction to quantitative corpus linguistics for both graduate students and seasoned researchers. Using the open source software tool and programming language R, participants will learn

- how to generate frequency lists;
- how to search for words and patterns;
- how to handle corpora and perform corpus-linguistic searches in ways that typical corpus software does not support;
- how to carry out basic statistical evaluations of corpus data (significance tests and statistical graphs).

Data to be dealt with include plain text corpora, corpora with SGML or XML annotation, chat files from CHILDES, Unicode files. Case studies involve examples from morphology, syntax, semantics, first and second language acquisition, among other things. Statistical tests to be introduced include tests for frequencies, means, and distributions.

[Read more...](#)

### Spoken Dialogue Systems

Considerable progress has been made in recent years in the development of dialogue systems that support robust and efficient human-machine interaction using spoken language. Spoken dialogue technology allows various interactive applications to be built and used for practical purposes, and research focuses on issues that aim to increase the system's communicative competence by including aspects of error correction, cooperation, multimodality, and adaptation in context. This book gives a comprehensive view of state-of-the-art techniques that are used to build spoken dialogue systems. It provides an overview of the basic issues such as system architectures, various dialogue management methods, system evaluation, and also surveys advanced topics concerning extensions of the basic model to more conversational setups. The goal of the book is to provide an introduction to the methods, problems, and solutions that are used in dialogue system development and evaluation. It presents dialogue modelling and system development issues relevant in both academic and industrial environments and also discusses requirements and challenges for advanced interaction management and future

research.

Author: Kristiina Jokinen and Michael McTear

[Read more...](#)

[Read more...](#)

### Reference and Discourse Structure

Date: 15 to 17 January 2010

Location: Stuttgart, Germany

Contact: [Sofiana Chiriacescu](#)

The starting point for the conference's theme is the connection between the discourse structure and the use of referring expressions. It is well recognized in the literature that the discourse affects the interpretation of referring expressions and the space of anaphoric accessibility and that the use of referring expressions restricts the set of possible discourse interpretations. The workshop will explore four related topics to be analyzed in order to achieve a broad crosslinguistic understanding of reference in discourse in natural languages. Topics: Discourse and reference, Specificity, Point of view and Discourse particles

[Read more...](#)

### Cognitive Sociolinguistics (Mouton de Gruyter)

The 15 articles compiled in "Cognitive Sociolinguistics: Language Variation, Cultural Models, Social Systems" grew out of presentations at the 30th International LAUD (Linguistic Agency University of Duisburg) Symposium at the University of Koblenz-Landau in Germany, where participants discussed the need for new research approaches that would bring together the methods and goals of cognitive linguistics and sociolinguistics. Cognitive linguistics is a discipline that has formed the basis of robust lines of research in other established areas of linguistics such as first language acquisition (e.g. Tomasello 2003), second language acquisition (e.g. Tyler 2008), and neuroscience (e.g. Lamb 1999). The editors of this volume aim to add sociolinguistics to this list. Work in cognitive linguistics had often been carried out with a homogenous, idealized speech community as a model, and this practice did not adequately consider the potential contributions that the study of linguistic variation could make to cognitive linguistics, a field that takes a usage-based approach to language study. The volume takes a broad view of the burgeoning field of cognitive sociolinguistics and groups the chapters into four thematic sections: (1) theoretical work on semantics and lexis; (2) usage- and corpus-based work on variation; (3) research on cultural models; and (4) research on political and socioeconomic systems.

Editors: Gitte Kristiansen and René Dirven

### Pragmatics and Non-Verbal Communication [New](#)

The way we say the words we say helps us convey our intended meanings. Indeed, the tone of voice we use, the facial expressions and bodily gestures we adopt while we are talking, often add entirely new layers of meaning to those words. How the natural non-verbal properties of utterances interact with linguistic ones is a question that is often largely ignored. This book redresses the balance, providing a unique examination of

non-verbal behaviours from a pragmatic perspective. It charts a point of contact between pragmatics, linguistics, philosophy, cognitive science, ethology and psychology, and provides the analytical basis to answer some important questions: How are non-verbal behaviours interpreted? What do they convey? How can they be best accommodated within a theory of utterance interpretation?

Author: Tim Wharton

[Read more...](#)

### 16th Annual Conference of the International Association for World Englishes [New](#)

Date: 25 to 27 July 2010

Location: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Person: [Suzanne K. Hilgendorf](#)

Call Deadline: 28 February 2010

World Englishes Today: A Critical Reevaluation of Theory, Methodology, and Pedagogy in Global Contexts. The IAWE 2010 Organizing Committee invites proposals for individual presentations (20 minutes + 10 minutes for discussion) on any area of research related to World Englishes. Abstracts addressing the conference theme, World Englishes Today: A Critical Reevaluation of Theory, Methodology, and Pedagogy in Global Contexts, are particularly welcome. In addition to the topics of theory, methodology, and pedagogy, papers may address other areas of relevance for World Englishes scholarship.

[Read more...](#)**About the Speaker**

This book considers important aspects of the syntax of sentences and their relation to the extra-sentential context. The relation between a sentence and the context is frequently reckoned to be in some sense "syntax-free", in that it is not syntactically represented but introduced post-syntactically by semantic rules of interpretation. Alessandra Giorgi develops a different perspective through an empirically grounded exploration of temporal indexicality: she argues that the speaker's temporal location is specified in the syntactic structure. She supports her analysis with theoretical and empirical arguments based on data mainly from English and Italian but also considering Chinese and Romanian. Professor Giorgi addresses some difficult and longstanding issues in the analysis of temporal phenomena - including the Italian imperfect indicative, the properties of the so-called future-in-the-past, and the properties of Free Indirect Discourse. She shows that her framework can account elegantly for all of them. Carefully argued, succinct, and clearly written her book will appeal widely to syntacticians and semanticists from graduate level upwards and to linguists interested in the syntax-semantics interface.

Author: Alessandra Giorgi

[Read more...](#)**Aspects of Cognitive Ethnolinguistics**

The book provides an introduction into a highly developed, coherent, and extensively tested cognitive linguistic approach to lexical semantics, which is not currently accessible to readers of English. This makes the book important to researchers and students in lexical semantics, in Cognitive Linguistics and beyond. It also strengthens the Cognitive Linguistics enterprise in general, by showing that the main tenets of this approach are not an incidental historical development in a particular corner of the world, but rather are arrived at by scholars working in hugely different contexts independently of each other. The book should therefore have an appeal to all researchers in Cognitive Linguistics. Furthermore, the book constitutes a contribution to the intellectual exchange between international academic discourses that mostly develop independently of each other - an exchange that has often provided major impetus for scientific development, as illustrated by the influence of the belated translations of works by Bakhtin, Lotman, Vygotsky, and Luria, among others.

Author: Jerzy Bartmiński

[Read more...](#)**The Logic of Language**

"The Logic of Language" opens a new perspective on logic. Pieter Seuren argues that the language derives from the lexical meanings of the logical operators. These meanings, however, prove not to be consistent. Seuren solves this problem through an in-depth analysis of the functional adequacy of natural predicate logic and standard modern logic for natural linguistic interaction. He then develops a general theory of discourse-bound interpretation, covering discourse incrementation, anaphora, presupposition, and topic-comment structure, all of which, the author claims, form the 'cement' of discourse structure. This is the second of a two-volume foundational study of language, published under the title 'Language from Within.' Pieter Seuren discusses such apparently diverse issues as the ontology underlying the semantics of language, speech act theory, intentionality phenomena, the machinery and ecology of language, sentential and lexical meaning, the natural logic of language and cognition, and the intrinsically context-sensitive nature of language --and shows them to be intimately linked from Ancient Greece to the present. The resulting synthesis concerns central aspects of research and theory in linguistics, philosophy, and cognitive science.

Author: Pieter A. M. Seuren

**Why Agree? Why Move?**

An unusual property of human language is the existence of movement operations. Modern syntactic theory from its inception has dealt with the puzzle of why movement should occur. In this monograph, Shigeru Miyagawa combines this question with another, that of the occurrence of agreement systems. Using data from a wide range of languages, he argues that movement and agreement work in tandem to achieve a specific goal: to imbue natural language with enormous expressive power. Without movement and agreement, he contends, human language would be merely a shadow of itself, with severe limitation on what can be expressed. Miyagawa investigates a variety of languages, including English, Japanese, Bantu languages, Romance languages, Finnish, and Chinese. He finds that every language manifests some kind of agreement, some in the form of the familiar person/number/gender system and others in the form of what Katalin É. Kiss calls "discourse configurational" features such as topic and focus. A key proposal of his argument is that the computational system in syntax deals with the wide range of agreement types uniformly-- as if there were just one system-- and an integral part of this computation turns out to be movement. Why Agree? Why Move? is unique in proposing a

unified system for movement and agreement across language groups that are vastly diverse-- Bantu languages, East Asian languages, Indo-European languages, and others.

Author: Shigeru Miyagawa

[Read more...](#)

[Read more...](#)

### Conversation Analysis

'Conversation analysis' is an approach to the study of social interaction that focuses on practices of speaking that recur across a range of contexts and settings. The early studies in this tradition were based on the analysis of English conversation. More recently, however, conversation analysts have begun to study talk in a broader range of communities around the world. Through detailed analyses of recorded conversations, this book examines differences and similarities across a wide range of languages including Finnish, Japanese, Tzeltal Mayan, Russian, and Mandarin. Bringing together interrelated methodological and analytic contributions, it explores topics such as the role of gaze in question-and-answer sequences, the organization of repair, and the design of responses to assessments. The emerging comparative perspective demonstrates how the structure of talk is inflected by the local circumstances within which it operates.

Editor: Jack Sidnell

[Read more...](#)

### A Comparative Grammar of the Sanscrit, Zend, Greek, Latin, Lithuanian, Gothic, German, and Sclavonic Languages

A founding text of comparative philology, Franz Bopp's *Vergleichende Grammatik* was originally published in parts, beginning in 1833, and by the 1870s had appeared in three editions in German, as well as in English and French translations. Bopp (1791-1867), Professor of Sanskrit at Berlin, set out to prove the relationships between Indo-European languages through detailed description of the grammatical features of Sanskrit compared to those of Zend (Avestan), Greek, Latin, Lithuanian, Gothic and German. This translation (1845-50) of Bopp's first edition gave English-speaking scholars access to his important findings. Translated by Edward Backhouse Eastwick (1814-1883), the multilingual diplomat and scholar, and edited by Horace Hayman Wilson (1786-1860), Professor of Sanskrit at Oxford, this work testifies both to Bopp's magisterial research and to Eastwick's extraordinary skill in translation. This volume continues Bopp's treatment of the verb, and discusses word formation.

Author: Franz Bopp

[Read more...](#)

### Principles of Syntactic Reconstruction (John Benjamins)

This volume collects eight contributions that discuss the possibility of syntactic reconstruction, that is, tracing back by comparative analysis features of the syntax of an undocumented ancestor of extant daughter languages. Syntactic reconstruction raises numerous important methodological issues which directly impinge on the way language change is described and understood. The debate concerning the feasibility of this line of inquiry has been revived, particularly in the past few years, with more diachronic research from formal syntactic and typological perspectives. Ferraresi and Goldbach have brought together scholars approaching syntactic reconstruction from different theoretical perspectives, and drawing data from various language families. The resulting collection mirrors the challenges and uncertainties in the ongoing debate. Essays range from extremely skeptical to moderately optimistic about the possibility of syntactic reconstruction, and consensus is reached on a few methodological points. The volume, with such heterogeneity, marks a milestone and will be of interest to historical linguists and those interested in models of linguistic variation.

Editors: Gisella Ferraresi and Maria Goldbach

### Indogermanische Grammatik (Volume 3)

The distinguished German philologist Hermann Hirt (1865-1936) wrote this seven-volume grammar soon after the discovery of Tocharian and the decipherment of Hittite. Volume 3 (1927) focuses on the noun system in the Indo-European languages, covering indeclinable nouns, nominal declensions, adjectives, pronouns, numerals, gender and stem formation.

Author: Hermann Alfred Hirt

[Read more...](#)

### Subjects and Universal Grammar

The 'subject' of a sentence is a concept that presents great challenges to linguists. Most languages have something which looks like a subject, but subjects differ across languages in their nature and properties, making them an interesting phenomenon for those seeking linguistic universals. This pioneering volume addresses 'subject' nature from a simultaneously formal and typological perspective. Dividing the subject into two distinct grammatical functions, it shows how the nature of these functions explains their respective properties, and argues that the split in properties shown in 'ergative' languages (whereby the subject of intransitive verbs is marked as an object) results from the functions being assigned to different elements of the clause. Drawing on data from a typologically wide variety of languages, including English, Hebrew, Tagalog, Inuit and Acehnese, it explains why, even in the case of very different languages, certain core properties can be found.  
Author: Yehuda N. Falk

[Read more...](#)

### A Sanskrit-English Dictionary

This one-volume Sanskrit-English dictionary, first published in 1891, is an English version of the seven-volume Sanskrit-Worterbuch, published at St Petersburg between 1852 and 1875, and contains about 50,000 entries. The aim of the editor, Carl Cappeller, was to provide a glossary for Sanskrit texts which were at the time becoming available in printed editions in Europe, particularly 'such works as are most appreciated and studied by every friend of Sanskrit literature'. He hoped that it would provide 'not only a handbook for the beginner in Sanskrit, who wants to have as many words as possible explained to him, but also to serve the purposes of the linguistic student, whose interest is limited to the old stock of words and their relations to other languages'. The dictionary has stood the test of time and is still consulted by students of Sanskrit.

Author: Carl Cappeller

[Read more...](#)

### Language and Identity

The language we use forms an important part of our sense of who we are - of our identity. This book outlines the relationship between our identity as members of groups - ethnic, national, religious and gender - and the language varieties important to each group. What is a language? What is a dialect? Are there such things as language 'rights'? Must every national group have its own unique language? How have languages, large and small, been used to spread religious ideas? Why have particular religious and linguistic 'markers' been so central, singly or in combination, to the ways in which we think about ourselves and others? Using a rich variety of examples, the book highlights the linkages among languages, dialects and identities, with special attention given to religious, ethnic and national allegiances.  
Author: John Edwards

[Read more...](#)

### The Bilingual Mental Lexicon: Interdisciplinary Approaches (Multilingual Matters)

This volume is intended as an interdisciplinary overview of the state of the art in bilingualism research, focusing on the lexicon. It will thus be particularly useful to students and young researchers working in particular areas of bilingualism, who are interested in situating their work within a larger context of bilingualism research and in expanding their theoretical and methodological repertoire. The scope is ambitious for a book less than 250 pages, but this perhaps serves to highlight the diverse challenges faced by researchers working on bilingualism, and it helps make the point that bilingualism requires a diverse approach that views the phenomena under study through a variety of theoretical and methodological lenses. The chapters are organized around a particular set of questions or sub-phenomena of bilingualism, rather than around a particular methodology, comprising neurolinguistic research (Meuter), autobiographical memory (Schrauf), audio-visual integration (Marian), semantic processing (Altarriba & Basnight-Brown), lexical transfer (Jarvis), conceptual representation (Pavlenko), gesture (Gullberg), the tip-of-the-tongue phenomenon (Ecke), and L1 attrition (Schmid & Köpke). Among these chapters there is a good deal of methodological overlap (notwithstanding significant contrasts), representing behavioral and reaction time experiments on formal and semantic processing, neuroimaging and aphasia, eye tracking, crosslinguistic comparison, narrative, gesture, and naturalistic data sampling. Lending a measure of unity

to such a diverse collection of chapters, many of the authors also tie their reviews to significant models of bilingual lexical processing, e.g. the Bilingual Interactive Activation model (BIA, BIA+; Dijkstra & Van Heuven, 2002), the Revised Hierarchical Model (RHM; Kroll & Stewart, 1994), and the model of Levelt et al. (1999).

Editor: Aneta Pavlenko

### **Syntax, Lexical Semantics, and Event Structure**

This book focuses on the linguistic representation of temporality in the verbal domain and its interaction with the syntax and semantics of verbs, arguments, and modifiers. Leading scholars explore the division of labor

between syntax and semantics, and lexical semantics in the encoding of event structure, encompassing event participants and the temporal properties associated with events. They examine the interface between event

structure and the systems with which it interacts, including the interface between event structure and the syntactic realization of arguments and modifiers. Deploying a variety of frameworks and theoretical perspectives

they consider central issues and questions in the field, among them whether argument-structure is specified in the lexical entries of verbs or syntactically constructed so that syntactic position determines thematic

status; whether the hierarchical structure evidenced in argument structure finds parallels in sign language; should the relation between members of an alternation pair, such as the causative-inchoative alternation, be understood lexically or derivationally; and the role of syntactic category in determining the configuration of argument structure.

Editors: Malka Rappaport Hovav, Edit Doron and Ivy Sichel

[Read more...](#)

### **Essential Programming for Linguistics**

This book is an ideal starting point for linguists who are approaching computer programming for the first time. Assuming no background knowledge of programming, the author introduces basic ideas and techniques needed and helps readers to develop their understanding of electronic texts.

Practical examples are designed to help the reader to identify basic issues in handling language data, conduct simple analyses in morphology/morphosyntax and phonotactics, create frequency lists from corpus materials, to gather basic descriptive statistics on texts and to design graphical user interfaces for writing more efficient and easy-to-use

analysis tools. Two different types of exercise help readers to either learn to interpret and understand illustrative sample code, or to develop algorithmic thinking and solution strategies through turning a series of instructions into sample programs.

Author: Martin Weisser

[Read more...](#)

### **The Handbook of World Englishes (Wiley-Blackwell)**

The Handbook of World Englishes, one of 24 books so far published in the Blackwell Handbooks in Linguistics series, collects essays on nearly every aspect of a burgeoning field. This field has grown in influence and

sophistication during the last thirty years to become an important approach not only to English studies, but to a host of other issues central to applied

linguistics across subdisciplines. The depth and scope of the book is ambitious: its editors seek to "represent the cross-cultural and global contextualization of the English language in multiple

voices" (1), not only by virtue of the nationalities of the contributors, who

hail from a number of countries in each of Kachru's Three Circles (the Inner Circle, or native-English-speaking countries, the Outer Circle, or former

British colonies or territories under British influence or rule, and the

Expanding Circle, or countries in which English is taught and spoken as a

### **Analytical Linguistics**

Analytical Linguistics is a unique attempt to adapt the current state of research in linguistics to the imperatives of human interactions. One of the deficiencies of some books is the neglect of application of the

concepts they explain. Being aware of this, the authors have carefully

packaged the book to include other theoretical and practical issues. The

book has two main parts: the first part is made up of eleven chapters

(including the introduction). In this section, topics related to the main

levels of linguistic analysis: lexis, phonetics and phonology, semantics,

and syntax, are explicated with ample and appropriate illustrates.

The second part investigates the link between them. Some of the chapters in

this section equally critically examine the borders of linguistics with

some neighbouring disciplines. The various chapters are presented in simple

but not simplistic language. This style makes

foreign language and in which the language plays a significant role), but who are also scholars influenced by a wide variety of disciplines and approaches to language study.

Editors: Braj B. Kachru, Yamuna Kachru, Cecil L. Nelson

the book reader-friendly. A merit of this book is its unambiguous differentiation of seemingly similar concepts. It is clearly an articulate and analytic presentation of language and the roles it plays in human communication. It is a useful and meaningful contribution to scholarship. Students in universities, polytechnics and colleges of education will definitely find it a good companion.  
Authors: Yemi Ogunsiji and Farinde Rafiu Olanrewaju

[Read more...](#)

### 22nd European Systemic Functional Linguistics Conference

Date: 09 to 12 July 2010

Location: Koper, Slovenia

Contact: [Mojca Sauperl](#)

Call Deadline: 01 February 2010

Complexities of Meaning in Text

Halliday's semantically driven model of language description provides an excellent tool for examining meanings at the level beyond the clause and is rich enough to account for various meaning relations in discourse. However, many of the knotty problems of meaning making emerge clearly only when one is trying to put the concepts into production.

[Read more...](#)

### ONOMA

Call Deadline: 15 February 2010

The Board of Directors of the International Council of Onomastic Sciences has decided to devote vol. 45 of its journal ONOMA to the theme 'The History and Significance of Onomastics in Diachrony and Synchrony'. The editors of this volume will be [Maria Giovanna Arcamone](#) (University of Pisa, Italy) and [Martina Pitz](#) (University of Lyon, France). The choice of this theme rests on the observation that during the classical era of historical and comparative linguistics, proper names were still perceived as central subject matter for research and held in corresponding regard, whilst at the beginning of the 21st century there are those who have a gloomy view of the tasks and prospects of onomastics. It has often been alleged that this linguistic subdiscipline has, to some extent at least, lost connexion with general trends within linguistics. It would not be wrong to assume that onomastics is right now engaged in a process of collective reflexion to map out for itself new scientific subject matter and goals. This is leading to the opening-up of many new avenues of investigation. Its practitioners are developing a new understanding of the subject as a discipline equally amenable to the framing of both synchronic and diachronic questions; new research fields are opening up in literary onomastics, the analysis of product-names and brand-names and socio-onomastics, and a synergy is developing between onomastics and discourse analysis. ONOMA 45 wishes to pursue the question of which concrete developments have led to noteworthy advances in onomastics since the beginnings of scientific interest in investigating names, and which may lead to further advances. This can be achieved through studies with descriptive, history of sciences and/or methodological orientations, with no restriction on the range of languages or sub-areas of onomastics represented. What has led in the past to new momentum, and what may therefor again make onomastics an attractive area in which to work? Is it new scope for tapping into sources, and, relatedly, technical advances in handling these sources using IT and new media? Or the introduction of new

methods in linguistics and new approaches in interpretation? Or the formulation of new questions and the opening-up of new areas? Or that much-vaunted interdisciplinary orientation: contact and dialogue with disciplines beyond linguistics? We invite interested colleagues to submit, by 15 February 2010, a title and a short abstract of about 10-15 lines to both the following addresses:

[arcamone@ling.unipi.it](mailto:arcamone@ling.unipi.it)

[pitz@univ-lyon3.fr](mailto:pitz@univ-lyon3.fr)

### **Linguistics (Cambridge University Press)**

This textbook is a thorough introduction to generative approaches to linguistics. It is unique in its organization in that it divides its discussion of theory into three broad categories: "sounds," "words," and "sentences." Within each division, a description of theory is presented first, followed by research in applied/related disciplines that support the previous theoretical concerns. Each section of the book is followed by short collections of exercises and recommendations for further reading. In this review, I will outline the specific organisation of the text and follow with a critical evaluation of its contents. Authors: Andrew Radford, Martin Atkinson, David Britain, Harald Clahsen, & Andrew Spencer

### **Language Policy and Nation-Building in Post-Apartheid South Africa (Springer)**

This volume is part of a series aimed at scholars and those interested in language planning and policy, as well as educational and applied linguistics and sociolinguistics. This book surveys the current situation in South Africa. The situation in post-apartheid South Africa is interesting with regards to the governmental language policies and the reality of their implementation and acceptance by the people of the country. This book provides an overview of the relationship between national identity and language, illustrating how this has manifested itself in the new South Africa. It is based on analyses of primary and secondary materials, ranging from government documents and organisational websites to press reports and academic texts, as well as interviews with numerous language professionals and academics. It will be of interest especially to those involved in language planning and policy, but also those interested in the interplay of identity and language in multilingual societies, and finally to anyone interested in the linguistic future of this country.

Author: Jon Orman

### **Formal Linguistics and Law**

This volume explores new interfaces between linguistics and jurisprudence. Its theoretical and methodological importance lies in showing that many questions asked within the field of language and law receive satisfactory answers from formal linguistics. The book starts with a paper by the two editors in which they explain why the volume - as a whole and with its individual papers - is an innovation in the field of language and law. In addition, an overview about the most important research projects on language and law is given. Editors: Guenther Grewendorf and Monika Rathert

[Read more...](#)

### **Development of Language in Eyes of Formal Grammar**

Formal approaches to language are typically associated with synchronic linguistics whereas diachronic linguistics is connected with traditional philological methods. The goal of this book is to demonstrate that formal-linguistic analyses of diachronic language data can not only represent known facts in a new light, but also reveal new facts that have remained hidden to traditional philology. Particular studies, whose authors are linguists from distinguished European and American universities, analyze various phonological, morphological, syntactical and semantic phenomena, in typologically and genetically diverse languages. Editor: Petr Karlík

[Read more...](#)

**Grammaticalization and (Inter)Subjectification**

Date: 11 to 13 November 2010

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Contact: [Jan Nuyts](#)

We invite papers dealing with any aspect of the processes of grammaticalization and (inter) subjectification, both empirical and conceptual, from any theoretical angle, but we are especially interested in papers dealing with

- the interaction between the processes of grammaticalization and (inter) subjectification;
- the relation of grammaticalization and (inter) subjectification to other mechanisms of language change, including, most notably, analogy; and
- processes of degrammaticalization and de-(inter) subjectification: how (in)frequent are they, what kinds of factors trigger them, and what mechanisms are at work in them?

[Read more...](#)**Handbook of Foreign Language Communication and Learning**

This volume focuses on how far the policies, principles and practices of foreign language teaching and learning are, or can be, informed by theoretical considerations and empirical findings from the linguistic disciplines. Part I deals with the nature of foreign language learning in general, while Part II explores issues arising from linguistic, socio-political, cultural and cognitive perspectives. Part III and IV then consider the different factors that have to be taken into account in designing the foreign language subject and the various approaches to pedagogy that have been proposed. Part V finally addresses questions concerning assessment of learner proficiency and the evaluation of courses designed to promote it.

Editors: Karlfried Knapp and Barbara Seidlhofer

[Read more...](#)**48th Annual Meeting of the ACL**

Date: 11 to 16 July 2010

Location: Uppsala, Sweden

Contact Person: [Joakim Nivre](#)

Call Deadline: 15 February 2010

The Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) is the flagship conference for research on language and computation. The 48th Annual Meeting of the ACL (ACL 2010) seeks submission of papers on original and unpublished research in all areas of computational linguistics, broadly conceived to include areas such as psycholinguistics, speech, information retrieval, multimodal language processing, and language issues in emerging domains such as bioinformatics. In addition, we want to stress that both theoretical, as well as practical and empirical papers, are sought for the conference.

[Read more...](#)**Quantitative Corpus Linguistics with R (Routledge)**

The announcement for this book said, "The first textbook of its kind, "Quantitative Corpus Linguistics with R" (QCLwR) demonstrates how to use the open source programming language R for corpus linguistic analyses. Computational and corpus linguists doing corpus work will find that R provides an enormous range of functions that currently require several programs to achieve -- searching and processing corpora, arranging and outputting the results of corpus searches, statistical evaluation, and graphing" -- and this is exactly what it does. I have to start this review with a criticism, however. When Routledge published this, they clearly thought only the youngest, best-sighted readers would make use of it. So they chose a font that saves them paper (and, presumably, the planet) but is incredibly hard to read for anyone over 30 because it is just too small. This youthful approach is underlined by the choice of book jacket that, even for a paperback, seems very thin.

Author: Stefan Th. Gries

**32nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society**

Date: 11 to 14 August 2010

Location: Portland, Oregon, USA

Contact: [Stellan Ohlsson](#)

Call Deadline: 06 February 2010

Cognitive scientists from around the world are invited to attend CogSci2010, the world's premiere annual conference on cognitive science. The conference aims to represent a broad spectrum of topics, issues, and methodologies. In addition to papers, posters sessions, symposia, tutorials, and workshops there will be invited presentations by leaders in the field. The plenary speakers include James L. McClelland (10th Rumelhart Prize Recipient), Stanford University, Marsha Lovett, Carnegie-Mellon University, Peter Gerjets, University of Tübingen, and Philip David Zelazo, University of Minnesota. We invite submissions

**Modals in the Languages of Europe**

This book is the first comprehensive survey of modals and modal constructions in the languages of Europe. It is a collaborative effort between scholars from Europe and the United States, stemming from a workshop on Modals in the Languages of Europe in Valencia. The aim of this book is to describe the properties of modals and modal constructions in the European area and to compare the systems in individual languages or language families from an areal and genetic perspective. For the sake of contrast, the book also looks at the expression of modality in some languages just outside of Europe.

Editors: Björn Hansen and Ferdinand de Haan

in any area of the cognitive sciences, including, but not limited to, artificial intelligence, cognitive architectures, cognitive development, cognitive neuroscience, cognitive psychology, education, epistemology, expertise and expert systems, linguistics, logic, machine learning, neural networks, philosophy of science, robotics and social network studies.

[Read more...](#)

[Read more...](#)

### **Morphology and Lexical Semantics**

This book is the paperback edition of the 2004 monograph. It deals with the semantics of morphology, a topic to which little attention has been given so far. In fact, the book is on the semantics of word formation rather than on inflection and the main focus is on derivation although compounding and conversion are also dealt with along the way.

Author: Rochelle Lieber

### **Preserving the Future: Sustainability of Language, Culture and Nature**

Date: 15 to 17 April 2010

Location: Reykjavik, Iceland

Contact: [Auður Hauksdóttir](#)

The aim of the conference is to examine and discuss how the relevance and interaction of languages, the natural environment, and intangible cultural heritages can ensure the development and prosperity of future generations. Culture is here intended in its broadest meaning to include history, customs, traditions and folklore, both past and present; language can be perceived as both foreign and native, local, regional and international, but with the constant varying attitudes as to which are taught, which are translated, which are becoming extinct; nature can imply both the beauty, vitality and uniqueness of a specific locality, region, or the natural environment of the globe itself. In all instances we need to explore how a viable interaction between language, culture and/or nature can help create and sustain a sense of identity and continuity in a world increasingly confronted with rapid environmental and social change.

[Read more...](#)

### **The Comment Clause in English**

"The Comment Clause in English" is a comprehensive study of the developments and functions of clausal pragmatic markers in English. It is aimed at scholars interested in diachronic and syntactic studies. Most centrally, it focuses on the question of whether or not comment clauses are instances of grammaticalization.

Author: Laurel J. Brinton

### **The Linguistics of Speech**

This book makes a convincing call for a focus on the linguistics of speech (i.e. parole in Saussurean terms). Kretzschmar explains that this is not a matter of ceasing to pay attention to linguistic structure (i.e. langue), but of redressing the balance between the two. The book provides compelling evidence, largely drawn from linguistic survey research and from corpus linguistics, that research methods today are easily up to the task of coping with sufficient quantities of parole for a sturdy analysis. This is therefore a plea to look to the linguistics of speech to investigate the relationship between speech and structure, to reconsider problematic areas in linguistic structure with input from speech, and to tackle real-life linguistic problems such as those stemming from contrasting attitudes to language.

Author: William A. Kretzschmar

### Basic Concepts and Models for Interpreter and Translator Training

Basic Concepts and Models for Interpreter and Translator Training is a systematically corrected, enhanced and updated avatar of a book (1995) which is widely used in T&I training programmes worldwide and widely quoted in the international Translation Studies community. It provides readers with the conceptual bases required to understand both the principles and recurrent issues and difficulties in professional translation and interpreting, guiding them along from an introduction to fundamental communication issues in translation to a discussion of the usefulness of research about Translation, through discussions of loyalty and fidelity issues, translation and interpreting strategies and tactics and underlying norms, ad hoc knowledge acquisition, sources of errors in translation, T&I cognition and language availability. It takes on board recent developments as reflected in the literature and spells out and discusses links between practices and concepts in T&I and concepts and theories from cognitive psychology and psycholinguistics.

Author: Daniel Gile

[Read more...](#)

### Language History, Language Change, and Language Relationship

Why does language change? Why can we speak to and understand our parents but have trouble reading Shakespeare? Why is Chaucer's English of the fourteenth century so different from Modern English of the late twentieth century that the two are essentially different languages? Why are Americans and English 'one people divided by a common language'? And how can the language of Chaucer and Modern English - or Modern British and American English - still be called the same language? The present book provides answers to questions like these in a straightforward way, aimed at the non-specialist, with ample illustrations from both familiar and more exotic languages. Most chapters in this new edition have been reworked, with some difficult passages removed, other passages thoroughly rewritten, and several new sections added, e.g. on language and race and on Indian writing systems. Further, the chapter notes and bibliography have all been updated.

Authors: Hans Henrich Hock and Brian D. Joseph

[Read more...](#)

### Convergence and Divergence in Language Contact Situations

This book deals with the consequences of converging and diverging processes and their development in language contact situations. It provides insights into the various forms of language contact and the conditions under which bilingual speakers master their everyday life in bilingual communities. Its nine contributions cover both theoretical and typological aspects, such as the classification of languages, the role of language contact, linguistic complexity and spontaneous speech innovations, and convergence and divergence processes in translation, (morpho)syntax and phonology/phonetics. Taken together, these studies provide challenges for linguistic theories that generalize from situations of monolingualism suggesting instead that a sound linguistic theory cannot be a theory for just one single, isolated language but must be a theory for at least two languages. It must also account for the fact that some structures involved in contact situations are not kept apart but develop in such a way that the distance decreases between the languages involved.

Editors: Kurt Braunmüller and Juliane House

[Read more...](#)

### Linguistics

Volume: 47, Number: 6 (November 2009)

- Clitic incorporation and abstract semantic objects in idiomatic constructions M. Teresa Espinal
- How grammatical and discourse factors may predict the forward prominence of referents: two corpus studies (Henk Pander Maat and Ted Sanders)
- Finiteness systems and lexical aspect in child Polish and English (Richard M. Weist, Aleksandra Pawlak, and Karen Hoffman)
- Temporal, aspectual, and semantic constraints on Spanish entonces (Magdalena Romera)

Review article

- Two valuable contributions to creolistics (Joseph T. Farquharson)

[Read more...](#)

### **Cross-Linguistic and Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Academic Discourse**

The goal of this volume is to examine academic discourse (AD) from cross-linguistic and cross-cultural perspectives. The adjective Cross-cultural in the volume title is not just limited to national contexts but also includes a cross-disciplinary perspective. Twelve scientific fields are under scrutiny in the articles. One of the unique aspects of the volume is the inclusion of a variety of foreign languages (English (as a lingua franca), Spanish, French, Swedish, Russian, German, Italian, and Norwegian). Besides, in several articles dealing with oral AD, comparisons and parallels are also established with written AD. The research methodologies used in the studies are varied and they offer an overview of the diversity and richness of approaches to AD. All in all, it is hoped that the volume appeals not only to young researchers but also to confirmed scholars interested in cross-linguistic and cross-cultural aspects of AD. It will also be of interest to language teachers or teachers who are involved with e.g. international students and academic mobility. Editors: Eija Suomela-Salmi and Fred Dervin

[Read more...](#)

### **Law, Language and the Multilingual State**

The Twelfth International Conference on Law and Language of the International Academy of Linguistic Law – LAW, LANGUAGE AND THE MULTILINGUAL STATE – will be organized with the University of Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa. It will take place from October 31st to November 4th 2010 (Sunday-Thursday) at the [Black Mountain Leisure and Conference Hotel](#), 80km east of Bloemfontein.

[Read more...](#)

### **Mini-course on Minimalism**

Date: 18 to 21 January 2010  
Location: Ghent, Belgium  
Contact: [Karen De Clerq](#)

The research group Generative Initiatives in Syntactic Theory (GIST) is organizing a four-day mini-course on Minimalism in Ghent from 18-21 January 2010. Our invited lecturer is Prof. David Adger from Queen Mary, University of London. The provisional course programme is as follows:

- 18 January, 2-5pm: Features and Feature Systems and Agree
- 19 January, 10am-1pm: Kinds of Merge
- 20 January, 10am-1pm: Syntax and Morphology
- 21 January, 10am-1pm: Phrasal Architecture and Interpretation

[Read more...](#)

### **Introductory Phonology**

This book is intended as a course book for an introductory course in phonology for undergraduates. Following the preface, there are fifteen chapters corresponding to a ten week term course and an appendix presenting some directions on what to care for when writing solutions for phonology problems. Each chapter contains a section called "Further reading", which includes references for the languages discussed along with suggestions of advanced readings, and a set of exercises. Since the bibliography is given in each chapter, there is no bibliographical list at the end of the book. New terms are introduced in italics and are referenced in a general index which also contains the languages discussed. There are plenty of charts and other visual aids to help clarifying difficult ideas.

Author: Bruce Hayes

### **Travaux linguistiques de Brno**

In the present volume, the author deals with the relation between the Prague School and what he calls Empirical Functionalism, the kind of functionalism pursued by linguists such as T. Givón, Bernard Comrie, William Croft, Joan Bybee or Martin Haspelmath. He attempts to demonstrate what the empirical functionalists do not seem to know about the Prague School, what from the Prague School could be useful for their work and also, on the other hand, what from the empirical functionalists' work could be useful for the Prague linguists.

[Read more...](#)

### **Annual Review of Cognitive Linguistics**

The Annual Review of Cognitive Linguistics (published under the auspices of the Spanish Cognitive Linguistics Association) aims to establish itself as an international forum for the publication of high-quality original research on all areas of linguistic enquiry from a cognitive perspective. Fruitful debate is encouraged with neighboring academic disciplines as well as with other approaches to language study, particularly functionally-oriented ones.

Editor: Francisco José Ruiz de Mendoza Ibáñez

[Read more...](#)

**DVD available- The Linguists**

Sundance and PBS documentary sensation 'The Linguists' is finally available on DVD. The cost of 'The Linguists' home video DVD is \$30, not including sales tax or shipping and handling. 'The Linguists' is also available for educational screenings (with ongoing public performance rights) with a curriculum guide. The cost, including shipping and handling, is \$300.

[Read more...](#)

**Homo Nominas: Mankind, the Namer**

Date: 26 to 28 October 2010

Location: Western Cape, South Africa

Contact: [Bertie Neethling](#)

Call Deadline: 28 February 2010

All names scholars are cordially invited to the NSA Congress that will be held at Club Mykonos, a seaside resort on the South African West Coast (Atlantic Ocean) on 26, 27 and 28 October 2010. The resort is about 120 kilometers north of Cape Town (75 minutes by road). Cape Town International Airport is well served by many airlines from all parts of the world.

[Read more...](#)

**Form and Function in Language Research**

Language description enriches linguistic theory and linguistic theory sharpens language description. Based on evidence from the world's languages, functional-typological linguistics has established a number of thorough generalizations about the nature of linguistic categorizations and their manifestation in natural languages. Empirical studies in these fields of linguistics have contributed to sharpen linguistic theory in several respects.

Editors: Johannes Helmbrecht, Yoko Nishina, Yong-Min Shin, Stavros Skopeteas and Elisabeth Verhoeven

[Read more...](#)

**Prof. Samuel E. Martin**

It is with great regret that the Department of Linguistics at Yale University has learned of the death of Prof. Samuel E. Martin, a distinguished emeritus member of our faculty, on November 28, 2009, at his home in Vancouver, Washington after a long illness. Prof. Martin retired from Yale in 1994 after more than 40 years in the departments of Linguistics and East Asian Languages. He was also a fellow of Timothy Dwight College at Yale and a member of Manuscript. He was quite prominent in his field of Japanese and Korean Linguistics, and received significant awards from the governments of Korea and Japan for his work.

**Quantitative Research in Linguistics**

Publisher: Continuum International Publishing Group Ltd

In many areas of modern linguistics, quantitative data play an increasingly important role, a fact which obviously leads to a demand for textbooks introducing students and junior researchers to the topic. Sebastian Rasinger's "Quantitative Research in Linguistics" explicitly tries to meet this demand by providing "an introduction to quantitative research methods [...] aimed at those with a minimum of prior knowledge" (p. 1). The book consists of ten chapters, grouped into two parts: part I (chapters 2-4) gives a first overview of basic issues in quantitative research as well research and questionnaire design. Part II (chapters 5-9) then deals with descriptive and exploratory statistical data analysis using Microsoft Excel. Most chapters contain exercises, the answers to which can be found in chapter 10 "Appendix and Solutions", which also provides a list of the Excel functions used in the book and several statistical significance tables.

Author: Sebastian M. Rasinger

**Phonology in Perception**

The book consists of nine chapters dealing with the interaction of speech perception and phonology. Rather than accepting the common assumption that perceptual considerations influence phonological behaviour, the book aims to investigate the reverse direction of causation, namely the extent to which phonological knowledge guides the speech perception process.

Editors: Paul Boersma and Silke Hamann

[Read more...](#)

### Variation and Gradience in Phonetics and Phonology

This book provides an overview of current issues in variation and gradience in phonetics, phonology and sociolinguistics. It contributes to the growing interest in gradience and variation in theoretical phonology by combining research on the factors underlying variability and systematic quantitative results with theoretical phonological considerations. Variation is inherent to language, and one of the aims of phonological theory is to describe and explain the mechanisms underlying variation at every level of phonological representation. Variation below the segment concerns articulatory, acoustic and perceptual cues that contribute to the formation of natural classes of sounds. At the segmental level there are grammatical differences in the production and perception of contextual variation of segments and in the syntagmatic constraints on the combination of segments. At the suprasegmental level the mapping of tones to grammatical functions and vice versa is discussed. Further aspects addressed in this book are factors outside of language: Variation that arises as a result of a particular dialect or of belonging to a certain age group, or variation that is the consequence of language change. Editors: Frank Kügler, Caroline Féry and Ruben van de Vijver

[Read more...](#)

### 6th Annual Conference BAAL Teaching & Learning SIG

Date: 08 to 09 July 2010  
 Location: London, United Kingdom  
 Contact: [Alan Fortune](#)  
 Call Deadline: 26 February 2010  
 British Association of Applied Linguistics Language Teaching and Learning Special Interest Group 6th Annual Conference Department of Education & Professional Studies King's College London 'Cognitive-interactive and Socio-cultural Perspectives on L2 Learning, Teaching, and Assessment: Compatible, Complementary, or Incommensurable?'

### Summer School of Sociolinguistics

Date: 14 to 20 June 2010  
 Location: Edinburgh, United Kingdom  
 Contact: [Anna Strycharz](#)

This week-long summer school is organised especially for PhD students in the last years of their research. All participants will have a chance to take part in hands-on workshops led by renowned academics, present their papers and attend round-table discussions. The programme includes five day-long sessions on the following subjects:  
 Stance and indexicality  
 Sociolinguistics and multilingualism  
 Discourse in context  
 Children and sociolinguistics  
 Sociophonetics and gender  
 In addition this year we will have other workshops and panel sessions led both by academics, other invited speakers and PhD students from the University of Edinburgh.

[Read more...](#)

### 16th Annual Conference of the International Association for World Englishes

Date: 25 to 27 July 2010  
 Location: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  
 Contact: [Suzanne K. Hilgendorf](#)

The 16th Annual Conference of the International Association for World Englishes (IAWE 16) will be held July 25 - 27, 2010 at the Simon Fraser University Wosk Centre for Dialogue in Vancouver, Canada. The conference theme is World Englishes Today: A Critical Reevaluation of Theory, Methodology, and Pedagogy in Global Contexts.

[Read more...](#)