

Malte Zimmermann: Semantic Parameters

Schedule and Readings

Background Reading on Semantic Fieldwork: Matthewson (2004)

Lecture 1 (22 August 2006) : Quantifier Semantics 1

- The interpretation of quantifiers: English vs. Strait Salish
- Weak (existential) quantifiers in English, German and Hausa

Readings: Matthewson (2001), Zimmermann (2005)

Lecture 2 (24 August 2006): Quantifier Semantics 2

- Cross-linguistic variation in the interpretation of quantifying elements formed from wh-expressions and co-ordinating conjunctions
Languages: Hausa, Japanese, Malayalam, Korean
- Variation in Distance-Distributivity (Romance, Germanic, Slavic)

Readings: Kratzer & Shimoyama (2002), Zimmermann (2005), Zimmermann (2002)

Lecture 3 (26 August 2006): Negation

- The interpretation of n-words (nobody, nothing)
- Negative Concord

Reading: Penka (2005)

Lecture 4 (29 August 2006): Adverbial Quantifiers and Focus Particles

- Differences between adverbial quantifiers and focus particles
- Cross-linguistic parallels in the interpretation of adverbial quantification (and focus particles): English and Hausa
- Range and Meaning of focus-sensitive particles: English, Hausa, Chinese

Readings: Beaver & Clark (2003), Hole (2006), Zimmermann (2006), Hartmann & Zimmermann (to appear)

Lecture 5 (31 August 2006): Tense

- Variation in tense systems
- A comparison of English and Strait Salish

Readings: Comrie (1985), Matthewson (2005)

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