Topics in Syntactic Typology: Grammatical relations
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Syllabus

General overview
Typology is the study of the ways in which languages differ and the ways in which they are similar. This course deals with cross-linguistic variation in grammatical relations. We will examine the cross-linguistic properties of grammatical relations and study how syntactic constructions in other languages compare with those of English.

Requirements
Attendance: You are expected to attend the lectures. Please try to get to class on time as it minimises disruption for all of us. If you have to leave earlier, please warn in advance. NB: no mobile phones in class!

Reading: You should aim to keep up with the provided reading and make sure that you understand each week's lecture. Please do your reading before the relevant lecture. You are encouraged to participate in class discussions.

Lecture 1. Introduction to grammatical relations
Mo 7.4, 12-14, room 438

Reading for the next lecture:

Lecture 2. The notion of grammatical subject
Tu 8.4, 10-12, room 422

Reading for the next lecture:
Lecture 3. Subject-related processes: passive and antipassive
We 9.4, 8.30–10.00, room 427

Reading for the next lecture:


Malchukov, Andrej, Haseplmath, Martin, & Comrie, Bernard. 2007. Ditransitive constructions:A typological overview. (draft, the final version published in 2010)


Lecture 4. The notion of grammatical object
We 9.4, 14–16, room 438

Reading for the next lecture:

Austin, Peter. (2005) Causative and applicative constructions in Australian Aboriginal Languages.


Lecture 5. Object-related processes: causative and applicative
Thu 10.4, 18–19.30, room 427