

Registration - Cognitive Linguistics Summer School

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Thank you for registering for the Summer School in Cognitive Linguistics. We will be in touch shortly with information on how to make the payment through our on-line system.

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Research topic:

Presenting poster: Yes

Poster title: The role of conceptualisation in the expression of aspectual notions in Hungarian

Abstract: Aspect is a complex linguistic phenomenon which determines how a situation is represented in a given discourse (cf. Comrie 1976, Boogaart–Janssen 2007). The most fundamental aspectual distinction derives from the cognitive concepts of “wholeness” and “continuity” (see Huomo 2009) and the chief function of the different representation of the situations is assumed to be discourse pragmatic (Hopper 1982, Wallace 1982). In Hungarian the basic aspectual categories are the imperfective and the perfective aspects (Péter 2008, Kiefer 2006), but their markings are morphologically asymmetrical. The basic Hungarian verb forms are predominantly imperfective, semantically unspecific forms which focus on the process of the event. However, when the attainment of an inherent boundary is elaborated it expresses perfective aspect and hence the event

is represented as a whole. In Hungarian boundedness is an intrinsic feature of perfectivity (cf. Dahl 1985, Bybee et al. 1994) and often diagrammatic iconicity connects the perfective constructions to the default (unmarked and semantically unspecified) imperfective forms. However, in Hungarian there are no clear aspectual markers which would unambiguously indicate perfectivity. It is claimed in the presentation that based on Bybee's semantic relevance theory (1985) Hungarian verbs differ according to their perfective potential (how central an inherent boundary is in the event structure of verbs) and the perfective potential influences how the events can be represented holistically in discourse. The elaboration of relevant features and the direction of attention to these components create a wide range of possibilities for the expression of different aspectual values and the aim of the presentation is to give an insight into how the semantic characteristics of verbs intermingle with the notions expressed by the tense of the verb and the elaborated arguments in discourse. The research examined finite clauses in the Hungarian National Corpus. References: Boogaart, Ronny –Janssen, Theo. 2007. Tense and Aspect. In Geeraerts, Dirk –Cuyckens, Hubert (ed.) *The Handbook of Cognitive Linguistics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 803–828. Bybee, Joan L. 1985. *Morphology: A Study of the Relation between Meaning and Form*. Philadelphia: John Benjamins. Bybee, Joan L. – Perkins, Revere – Pagliuca, William. 1994. *The Evolution of Grammar. Tense, Aspect and Modality in the Languages of the World*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. Dahl, Östen. 1985. Tense and Aspect Systems. Oxford: Blackwell. Hopper, Paul J. 1982. Aspect between Discourse and Grammar An Introductory Essay for the Volume. In Hopper, Paul J. (ed.) *Tense-Aspect: Between Semantics and Pragmatics*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. 3–18. Huomo, Tuomas. 2009. Fictive dynamicity, nominal aspect, and the Finnish copulative construction. *Cognitive Linguistics* 20–21: 43–70. Kiefer, Ferenc 2006. *Aspektus és akciómínőség: Különös tekintettel a magyar nyelvre [Aspect and Aktionsart: With Special Attention to Hungarian]*. Budapest: Akadémiai Kiadó. Langacker Ronald W. 2008. *Cognitive Grammar: A Basic Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Péter, Mihály. 2008. Az aspektusról – más aspektusból [Aspect – from another aspect]. *Magyar Nyelv* 54: 1–11. Wallace, Stephen. 1982. Figure and Ground: The Interrelationships of Linguistic Categories. In Hopper, Paul J. (ed.) *Tense-Aspect: Between Semantics and Pragmatics*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. 201–223.

Course selection:

9:15-10:45: Hart

11:00-12:30: Rebuschat & Rohrmeier

14:00-15:30: Brandt

15:45-17:15: Morgenstern

Registration/attendance type: Registration with accommodation (£475)

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