

"Perspectives of Language Typology: Slavic and Standard Average European"

The basic idea of this workshop is to check out whether Slavic languages as a group of closely related Indo-European idioms constitute a separate (sub)-type and to establish the position of Slavic languages towards the typological construct known as 'Standard Average European' (B.L. Whorf, Östen Dahl). Typologically valid descriptions of Slavic languages may contribute to verifying or reconsidering this construct. Comparison of Slavic and non-Slavic data is welcome to a degree it helps finding Non-Slavic languages sharing a number of macroparameters or parametric clusters with given Slavic languages.

Linguistic typology is a branch that aims at checking the list of language universals and classifying world's languages into open classes or types sharing some sets of parameters. If type-specific features are formulated correctly, a linguist can predict the distribution of other features in languages from the same class and try to establish implicational relations linking these features together.

The progress of typology is significant. Meanwhile, typologically oriented descriptions of world's languages leave many questions open. What is the status of typological explanation? Is a framework-free typological description possible? Can one combine formal and functional approaches in linguistic typology? Do world's languages really share the same grammatical concepts? Is typology oriented to concepts taken from certain languages regarded as prototypical, e.g. 'Anglo-centric' or 'Lakhota-centric' typology, reliable? The discussion of these theoretical and methodological issues at the FDSL-8 typology workshop is warmly welcome if it pertains to the analysis of Slavic data and/or to the critical assessment of versions of UG motivated by data from Slavic languages.

14.30-15.00. Ekkehard König (Berlin): Formal and functional explanations in typology.

15.05-15.35. Björn Hansen (Regensburg): The syntax of modal constructions: Slavonic vs SAE.

15.40-16.10. Hannu Tammola (Tampere): SAE morphology and Slavic vs. Finnic, Ugric, Altaic.

16.15-16.30. Coffee-break

16.30-17.00. Vladimir Dybo (Moscow): Systems with a paradigmatic accent: typology and genesis.

17.05-17.35. Alexander Letuchiy (Moscow): Slavic systems of grammatical and lexical markers of reflexivity and reciprocity in a typological perspective.

17.40 - 18.10. Peter Kosta (Potsdam) & Anton Zimmerling (Moscow): Slavic systems with Clitics and syntactic typology.

18.15 -19.00 General discussion.

Moderators: Peter Kosta, Anton Zimmerling