

Comparative aspects of Possessive Constructions

SoSe 2020

Syllabus

ORIGINAL COURSE DESCRIPTION

Der Kurs beschäftigt sich mit Possessivkonstruktionen in verschiedenen Sprachstufen und im Dialekt im Vergleich zum heutigen Standarddeutschen, wobei neben den diachronen Veränderungen auch verschiedene syntaktische Ansätze zum Thema erörtert werden. The course addresses possessive constructions in different stages of German as well as in dialects comparing them to modern standard German. Besides diachronic changes we will also discuss different syntactic approaches to the topic.

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COURSE PREREQUISITES

Background in Morphology and/or Syntax equivalent to Ling 113 and/or Ling 114

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Collect a small data set via an online questionnaire
- Class presentation of your study
- Term paper.

OUTLINE OF THE COURSE

GENERAL ASPECTS OF ADNOMINAL POSSESSION

- Possessive constructions in German
- The Syntax of possessive relations
- Parallels between sentence structure and adnominal possessive constructions
- Possessive constructions across Germanic

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DIACHRONIC AND SYNCHRONIC ASPECTS OF POSSESSION

- Overview of diachronic changes
- The decline of the genitive
- Possessor doubling in German
- Possessor doubling across Germanic

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Norde, Muriel. 2012. On the origin (s) of the possessor doubling construction in Norwegian. In Henk van der Liet & Muriel Norde (eds.), *Language for its own sake. Essays on Language and Literature offered to Harry Perridon*, 327-358. Amsterdam: Scandinavisch Instituut.

Weiß, Helmut. 2008. The Possessor That Appears Twice. Variation, Structure And Function Of Possessive Doubling In German. In Sjeff Barbiers, Olaf Koenenman, Marika Lekakou & Margreet van der Ham (eds.), *Microvariation in syntactic doubling*, 381-401. Bingley: Emerald.

Weiß, Helmut. 2012. The rise of DP-internal possessors On the relationship of dialectal synchrony to diachrony. In Gunther de Vogelaer & Guido Seiler (eds.), *The dialect laboratory: Dialects as a testing ground for theories of language change*, vol. 128, 271. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

PREPARATION OF EMPIRICAL STUDY – METHOD AND TOOL(S)

- How to plan a questionnaire
- The online tool SoSci
- How to structure and evaluate the results

Niebaum, Hermann & Jürgen Macha. 2014. *Einführung in die Dialektologie des Deutschen*, vol. 37. Walter de Gruyter.

Meyerhoff, Miriam, Erik Schleeff & Laurel MacKenzie. 2015. *Doing sociolinguistics: A practical guide to data collection and analysis*. Routledge.

STUDY AND FURTHER TOPICS ON POSSESSION

- Setting up and conducting the study
- External Possession
- His-Genitive