

Workshop on Word Order in Scandinavian languages
Konstanz, December 13–14, 2018

Session 1 (Thursday morning)

How do we characterize the evolution of word order in Scandinavian?

- Paul Kiparsky (Stanford): TBA
- Hannah Booth (Manchester): Expletives and Clause Structure in the History of Icelandic

Comments: Halldór Sigurdsson (Lund)

General discussion

Readings: Barðdal & Eythórsson (2003); Booth (2018); Kinn et al. (2016); Kiparsky (1996); Kiparsky (1997); Kiparsky (2015); Kiparsky (2018); Kroch & Santorini (2010); Kroch (2013); Light (2010); Los (2005); Rezac; Sells (1998); Sigurdsson (1990); Sigurdsson (2017); Sigurdsson (2018); Taylor & Pintzuk (2015); Vincent (2001); Zaenen et al. (2017);

Session 2 (Thursday afternoon)

Which notions are necessary to characterize Scandinavian word order constraints in declarative main clauses?

- Nomi Erteschik-Shir (Negev): Topics and topicalization in Danish
- Elisabet Engdahl (Gothenburg): How to start a sentence in Swedish - in comparison with German
- Filippa Lindahl (Reykjavík): The prefield in spoken Icelandic and Swedish
- Ingunn Hreinberg Indriðadóttir (Reykjavík): Relative weight effects in Modern Icelandic

Comments: Annie Zaenen (Stanford)

General discussion

Readings: Engdahl & Lindahl (2014); Engdahl et al. (to appear); Erteschik-Shir (2013); Frey (2006); Håkansson (2017); Indriðadóttir (2017); Kroch & Santorini (2017); Light (2011); Light (2012); Sigurdsson (2010)

Session 3 (Friday morning)

What do we know about the history of quirky subjects in Icelandic? How much can historical corpus information tell us? How do elicitation and judgment studies complement corpus studies? How important is frequency?

- Christin Schätzle (Konstanz): Dative Subjects: Historical Change Visualized
- Björn Lundquist (Tromsø): The Nordic Word Order Data Base and Intra-speaker Variation

Comments: Miriam Butt (Konstanz)

General discussion

Readings: Grafmiller (2018); Lundquist (s.d.a); Lundquist (s.d.b); Maling (2001); Schätzle (2018); Stevens & Light (2013); Thráinsson; Thráinsson (2006); Thráinsson (2017); Zaenen et al. (1985);

Session 4 (Friday afternoon)

Bringing it all together: How do discourse functions, event structure notions (e.g. thematic roles), syntactic functions (subject, object, adjunct), clausal structure, ... interact?

- Peter Sells (York): What structures are motivated, what functions (broadly construed) are motivated?

General discussion

Readings: Sells (1998); Thráinsson (2013); Wood (to appear)

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