

SPACE IN LANGUAGE — OUTLINE

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COURSE OUTLINE

A short historical retrospect

I. Figure / Ground and Frames of reference

- I.1. Figure / Ground
- I.2. Frames of reference
- I.3. Absolute, intrinsic & relative frames
- I.4. Frames of reference and cognition

II. Basic locative constructions: verbal strategies

- II.1. Verbal strategies
- II.2. Posture and positional verbs
- II.3. Determinants of the BLC

III. The typology of motion events

- III.1. Talmy’s typology
- III.2. Narrative styles, framing types and cognition : Slobin et al.
- III.3. Problems of Talmy’s typology
- III.4. Locative complements and construction types

IV. Adnominals: Topological-functional adpositions, spatial phrases and spatial cases

- IV.1. Position, nature and paradigms
- IV.2. Spatial adnominal phrases
- IV.3. The semantics of adpositions: “Topological” and functional features
- IV.4. Spatial cases
- IV.5. Appendix: Are there universal spatial concepts?

V. Deixis

- V.1. Non verbal deixis
- V.2. Verbal deixis

VI. Diachrony

- VI.1. Origins and evolution of spatial markers
- VI.2. Space and time
- VI.3. From space to abstract meanings