Typology of tense, aspect, modality and evidentiality

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This course takes as its point of departure the idea that systems of tense, aspect, modality, and evidentiality (TAME) are organized hierarchically, in the sense that there are scope relations between them that explain their combinatory possibilities, their ordering, and their grammaticalization. In developing this idea the course also offers a detailed overview of the distinctions that can be made within each of these categories. The course is organized as follows:

The first class centers on the general idea of a hierarchical organization of TAME categories. The second class focuses on tense and aspect, the third on modality, and the fourth on evidentiality. The last class brings all the categories together again by looking at the pathways of grammaticalization within TAME systems.

Recommended readings

General

Timberlake, Alan (2007), Aspect, tense, mood. In: Timothy Shopen ed., *Language typology and syntactic description. Volume 3. Grammatical Categories and the Lexicon.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 280-233.

1st class

Foley, William A. & Robert D. Van Valin, Jr. (1984). *Functional syntax and universal grammar*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Hengeveld, Kees (1989), Hengeveld, Kees (1989), Layers and operators in Functional Grammar. Journal of Linguistics 25.1, 127-157.

Narrog, Heiko (2009), *Modality in Japanese: The layered structure of the clause and hierarchies of functional categories*. Amsterdam: Benjamins.

2nd class

Comrie, Bernard (1976), Aspect. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Comrie, Bernard (1985), Tense. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Guentchéva, Zlatka ed. (2016), Aspectuality and Temporality: Descriptive and theoretical issues. Amsterdam: Benjamins.

3rd class

Hengeveld, Kees (2004), Illocution, mood, and modality. In: Geert Booij, Christian Lehmann & Joachim Mugdan eds, *Morphology: A handbook on inflection and word formation*, Vol. 2, 1190-1202. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.

Palmer, Frank (1986), Mood and Modality. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

4th class

Aikhenvald, Alexandra Y. (2004), *Evidentiality*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Hengeveld, Kees & Dall'Aglio Hattnher, Marize Mattos (2015), Four types of evidentiality in the native languages of Brazil. *Linguistics* 53.3, 479-524

5th class

- Hengeveld, Kees (2011c), The grammaticalization of tense and aspect. In: Bernd Heine & Heiko Narrog eds, The Oxford Handbook of Grammaticalization. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 580-594.
- Hengeveld, Kees (forthc.), A hierarchical approach to grammaticalization. To appear in: Kees Hengeveld, Heiko Narrog & Hella Olbertz eds. (in prep.), *The Grammaticalization of Tense, Aspect, Modality, and Evidentiality from a Functional Perspective*. Berlin: de Gruyter Mouton. Downloadable from www.keeshengeveld.nl.
- Narrog, Heiko (2012), *Modality, Subjectivity and Semantic Change. A Cross-Linguistic Perspective*. Oxford: Oxford University Press