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Tense, Mood, Aspect, and Evidentiality in the languages of the world

Many studies have been carried out on the typology of Tense, Mood, Aspect, and Evidentiality (TMAE) systems. Often these studies concentrate on one of these four categories, rather than on the overall TMAE-systems of languages. In this course the existing knowledge on the typology of TMAE-systems will be reviewed briefly, and subsequently the focus will be on how these categories interact with one another. Questions to be addressed concern co-occurrence restrictions between categories, ordering preferences, and diachronic developments in the field of TMAE. A leading idea will be that the scope relations between TMAE-categories are responsible for the behaviour of TMAE-systems as a whole.