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TYOLOGY OF LEXICAL SEMANTICS

Recent advances in lexical typology

This course will focus on lexical typology understood as cross-linguistic research on domain categorization.

It introduces some of the critical theoretical and methodological issues inherent in it where lexical typology has to find its own way in balancing between the ambitions of theoretical semantics, lexicography and general typology.

We will look at a broad range of case studies that highlight key concepts in the field and advantages and disadvantages of different methodological approaches (such as componential analysis, Natural Semantic Metalanguage, denotation-based, or etic-grid semantics, and combinatorial lexical typology).

We will also discuss implicational and probabilistic semantic maps as representations of meanings and generalizations in lexical typology.