

Veranstalter.....	Prof. Dr. Günter Radden
Thema	Meaningful Grammar [AA-A1, ENG-4/a, ENG-5, AA-V1b, AAV2b, AA-M1, AA-W, AA-WB]
Art der Veranstaltung	Seminar Ib
Veranstaltungsnummer	53-556
Zeit.....	2st. Do 16 s.t.-18 s.t.
Raum.....	Phil 1269
Beginn.....	9. November 2014

Course description:

The course is based on the textbook *Cognitive English Grammar (CEG)* by Günter Radden & René Dirven and a script on *Meaningful Grammar* by Günter Radden Catherine Schwerin. We will concentrate on notoriously difficult areas of English grammar, in particular count and mass nouns, determiners, quantifiers, modifiers, aspect, tense, and modality. The linguistic approach adopted is that of Cognitive Grammar, according to which language is the product of our cognition. The challenge of the course will be to discover the motivated nature of grammatical phenomena. The insights gained from this approach can also be immediately relevant for a didactic grammar of English.

Participants are expected to do a considerable amount of reading and solving exercises for each session. If your time schedule does not allow you to attend each session throughout the whole term, better decide not to enrol for the course.

Leistungskontrolle:

- (i) Regular attendance and active participation throughout the course
- (ii) Presentation on a grammatical topic (3 credit points)
- (iii) Term paper to be submitted no later than March 30, 2015 (6 credit points)

Literatur:

- Langacker, Ronald. 1991. *Foundations of Cognitive Grammar. Vol. 2: Descriptive Application*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.
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- Radden, Günter and René Dirven. 2007. *Cognitive English Grammar*. Amsterdam/ Philadelphia: Benjamins.
- Talmy, Leonard. 2000. *Toward a Cognitive Semantics*. 2 vols. Cambridge, MA: Cambridge University Press.
- Taylor, John. 2002. *Introduction to Cognitive Grammar*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.