

Veranstalter	Prof. Dr. Günter Radden
Thema	The Cognitive Approach to Language [AA-A1, ENG-4/a, ENG-5, AA-V1b, AAV2b, AA9, LAA8, LAA11, AA-W, AA-WB]
Art der Veranstaltung	Seminar II (Seminar Ib für Studierende mit Zulassung bis WS 14/15)
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Course description:

During the last three decades Cognitive Linguistics has grown into an attractive discipline. The course offers a cross-section of classic and recent cognitive-linguistic work. Its focus is on key notions such as categorization, iconicity, frames, conceptual metaphor, conceptual metonymy, and conceptual blending. The over-arching goal of the cognitive approach to language is to discover the motivation underlying language structure. A great many lexical and grammatical phenomena have been shown to be motivated, but there are still many linguistic areas waiting to be explored by the participants of this course.

Several excellent readers have appeared presenting the development and the main strands of Cognitive Linguistics, in particular the volumes edited by Evans, Bergen & Zinken (2007) and Geeraerts & Cuyckens (2007). An extensive reading list will be made available at the first session.

Leistungskontrolle:

Students who wish to take this course for credit are expected to do the required reading for each session and either give a presentation (3 credit points) or write a term paper (6 credit points). Special office hours for the discussion of the term papers will be offered at the end of the term.

References:

- Croft, William, and D. Alan Cruse. 2004. *Cognitive Linguistics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Evans, Vyvyan, and Melanie Green. 2006. *Cognitive Linguistics: An Introduction*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.
- Evans, Vyvyan, Benjamin K. Bergen, and Jörg Zinken, eds. 2007. *The Cognitive Linguistics Reader*. Hereford: Equinox Publishing.
- Geeraerts, Dirk, and Hubert Cuyckens, eds. 2007. *Handbook of Cognitive Linguistics*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Lakoff, George and Mark Johnson. 1980. *Metaphors We Live by*.
Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.