

Veranstalter:	Dr. Lukas Pietsch
Thema:	Grammaticalization [AA-V1, ENG-10, AA-W, AA-M1, AA-M2, AA-M8]
Art der Veranstaltung:	Seminar II
Veranstaltungsnummer:	53–522
Zeit:	2st., Mo 16–18
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Course description:

How do languages get their grammar? If you compare the ways how items such as tense-aspect constructions, auxiliaries, articles, prepositions and conjunctions develop out of normal words, you will realize that in many cases different languages have gone through very similar, almost universal paths of change. In this class, we will first take a look at what grammaticalization models can tell us about English; how do various English constructions fit in with the hypothesised universal development paths of grammaticalization? How much has English moved along such paths during the time span of its recorded history? To what extent can commonalities and differences between English and its relatives, including German, be accounted for in terms of grammaticalization developments? We will then proceed to a more general perspective: what can grammaticalization tell us about how and why languages change in general?

Suggested reading:

- Bybee, Joan, William Pagliuca, Revere Perkins (1994): *The evolution of grammar: tense, aspect, and modality in the languages of the world*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Diewald, Gabriele (1997): *Grammatikalisierung: eine Einführung in das Sein und Werden grammatischer Formen*. Tübingen: Niemeyer.
- Hopper, Paul J., Elizabeth Closs Traugott (1993): *Grammaticalization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- McMahon, April (1994): *Understanding Language Change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Participation requirements:

- Active participation in class (reading assignments and interactive discussion/presentation tasks)
- Term paper (c. 16–20 pages)

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:	Di 16–17 Uhr, Phil 1157
Sprechstunden während der vorlesungsfreien Zeit:	nach Vereinbarung, Phil 1157