

Veranstalter	Prof. Dr. Peter Siemund
Thema	Seminar II / Seminar III (ENGAGE)
Art der Veranstaltung	The encoding of speech acts: English in a cross-linguistic context [AA-V1ab, AA-V2ab, ENG-10, ENG-11, ENGAGE M4, ENGAGE M6] s. Vorl. Nr. 53-517 Peter Siemund
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Description: The encoding of speech acts: English in a cross-linguistic context (III)

Ever since Austin's famous dictum that in speaking we are doing something, often changing the world around us, the study of speech acts has remained a central concern of semantics and linguistic pragmatics. There has been much theoretical discourse devoted to making the notion of speech acts more precise, in the course of which competing taxonomies and principles for their identification have been developed. Substantially less energy, however, has been directed toward the formal correlates of speech acts and illocutionary forces, especially from a cross-linguistic perspective.

This seminar is an introduction to the relationship between the formal properties of sentences and their associated illocutionary forces, or force potentials. Departing from a typologically adequate taxonomy of the formal factors that instantiate different sentence types, including an appraisal of the relevant cross-linguistic facts, it develops a perspective on English that is inspired by generalizations and restrictions uncovered by typological work.

The seminar falls into two parts. It begins with several sessions dedicated to settling important theoretical and methodological issues. These are complemented by a number of case studies that investigate typologically prominent sentence types and their ways of formal encoding. These begin with a survey of the relevant cross-linguistic facts followed by an assessment of their properties in English.

The seminar targets graduate and upper undergraduate students of English and general linguistics. It is located at the interface of pragmatics and grammar (mainly morphosyntax). Coursework will be enriched by exercises, summaries of the important findings, as well as references and recommendations for further reading.

Course requirements: Presentation + term paper

Introductory literature

Austin, J. (1962). *How to do Things with Words*. Oxford: Clarendon.

König, E. and Siemund, P. (2007). 'Speech act distinctions in grammar', in T. Shopen (ed.): *Language Typology and Syntactic Description. Volume I: Clause Structure*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 2nd Edition, 276-324.

König, E. and Siemund, P. (2013). 'Satztyp und Typologie', in J. Meibauer, M. Steinbach and H. Altmann (eds.): *Satztypen des Deutschen*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter, 844-871.

Palmer, F. (2001). *Mood and Modality*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 2nd Edition.

Searle, J. (1969). *Speech Acts*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Siemund, P. (forthc.). *Speech Acts and Sentence Types. English in a Cross-Linguistic Context*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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