The goal of this workshop is to explore some questions raised during our previous workshops in Hermosillo (Mexico). Specific topics for the October 2011 workshop include the link between finiteness and nominalization and changes in finiteness, i.e. the process of re-finitization and de-finitization.

Among the issues to be addressed are these:

Finiteness belongs to the grammar of inter-clausal connectivity; it may be defined as “the systematic grammatical means used to express the degree of integration of a clause into its immediate clausal environment” (Givón 1990: 853). The syntactic dependence of the clause - its finiteness - is thus used to code the thematic dependence of an event/state on its discourse context. What do we really mean by dependence? Are non-finite clauses always dependent? If so, in what sense? Syntactic or semantic dependence? (Nikolaeva 2007)

Finiteness and nominalization are generally described as correlated (Givón 2001, Bisang 2001). For example, a highly nominalized clause is an indicator of a low degree of finiteness. How do these finiteness and nominalization interact? Does nominalization function as an indicator of finiteness, and if so, how? Which properties are taken as distinctive for finiteness and non-finiteness – tense, modality, aspect, subject/object agreement, voice, encoding of verbal argument, or others?

From a functional perspective, finiteness is a property of the clause and is generally characterized as a scalar phenomenon (Givón 2001). However, formal theories and some functional approaches take finiteness to be a discrete, binary phenomenon (Bisang 2007). How and why do different grammatical theories represent finiteness?

Finiteness as a property of the clause is a complex, multi-featured, and scalar phenomenon that may change. How is finiteness subject to change? In what direction might the change go? What are the syntactic environments in which re-finitization or de-finitization occur, and how and why does this happen? With which other features are re-finitization and de-finitization correlated?

References

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