

Evidentiality and Its Relation to Other Functional Categories

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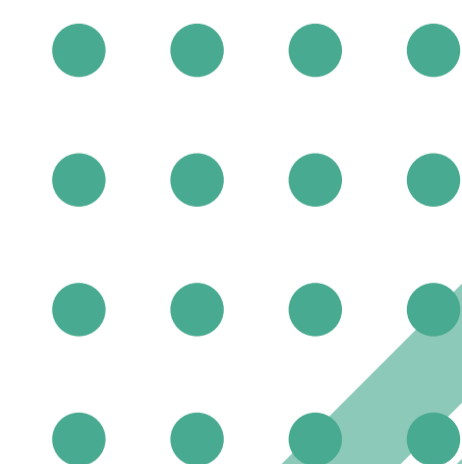
Abstract

Evidential markers indicate the nature of the evidence for a statement. There is a striking consistency across languages in evidential types. Evidential markers show an opposition between direct and indirect evidence types. Indirect evidential markers can be further subdivided into at least hearsay and quotative on the one hand, and inference/ conjecture on the other. Despite various differences in use, context and grammatical expression, evidential markers form a closed class of mutually exclusive values, and can therefore be viewed as a distinct grammatical category.

In this talk, I will address the question why the set of oppositions between evidential meanings is restricted in the way that it is. To answer that question, I will look at those cases where evidentiality is 'recycled' from, or based on, other grammatical categories: tense, aspect, mood, and clause-typing. I will argue that such 'recycling' between grammatical categories is constrained by a more primitive paradigmatic proximal–distal opposition that they have in common, and that manifests differently in every functional environment.

Speaker

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