

## Descriptive grammars and typology:

### The challenges of writing grammars of underdescribed and endangered languages

University of Helsinki, Main Building, Fabianinkatu 33

**Wednesday 27 March 2019**

9.00–9.30	<b>Registration</b> (2nd floor lobby)		
9.30–9.45	<b>Welcome words</b> (Lecture room 5)		
9.45–10.45	<b>Plenary talk:</b> Diana Forker: <i>Grammar writing and language contact</i> (Lecture room 5)		
10.45–11.15	<b>Coffee</b> (2nd floor lobby)		
	<b>Lecture room 5</b> Chair: Riho Grünthal	<b>Lecture room 12</b> Chair: Rigina Ajanki	<b>Konsistorin sali</b> Chair: Helen Plado
11.15–11.45	Andrey Filchenko & Olga Potanina: <i>Describing Possession in Ob-Yenisei languages: local typology</i>	Rita Eloranta: <i>The Mochica language description according to a colonial grammar (17th century)</i>	Heidrun Kröger: <i>Demonstratives in Mozambican Ngoni</i>
11.45–12.15	Alice Vittrant & Justin Watkins: <i>A helpful guideline based on areal typology for describing Southeast Asian languages</i>	Rosa Vallejos: <i>On the challenges of letting a language tell its own story: evidence from the Amazon</i>	Alejandra Ortiz Villegas, Armando Mora-Bustos & Antonio García Zúñiga: <i>The distribution of articles in three Otomanguean languages</i>
12.15–13.45	<b>Lunch</b>		

	<b>Lecture room 5</b> Chair: Ekaterina Gruzdeva	<b>Lecture room 12</b> Chair: Merja Salo	<b>Konsistorin sali</b> Chair: Alexander Mankov
13.45–14.15	Andrej Kibrik: <i>Challenges of an Athabaskan grammar</i>	Sidney Facundes, Marília Fernanda P. de Freitas & Bruna Fernanda S. Lima-Padovani: <i>Writing a grammar for an Amazonian language</i>	Åshild Næss: <i>Chasing the clause: the challenges of describing person indexing in Äiwoo</i>
14.15–14.45	Bernat Bardagil-Mas: <i>Rethinking the documentation trilogy in endangered language research</i>	Katja Hannß: <i>Language corpora and the syntax-pragmatic interface: the Chipaya subject clitics</i>	Dubi Nanda Dhakal: <i>Verb Agreement in Darai and Majhi (Nepal) in Areal-Typological Context</i>
14.45–15.15	Tapani Salminen: <i>An overview of the progress and challenges of a Forest Nenets grammar project</i>		Wei-Wei Lee & Rachel Weymuth: <i>Describing non-basic constituent order in Palaung (Austroasiatic)</i>
15.15–15.45	<b>Coffee</b> (2nd floor lobby)		
15.45–16.45	<b>Plenary talk:</b> Pius Akumbu: <i>Reflections on a Community-based Approach to Writing Grammars of Endangered Languages</i> (Lecture room 5)		
18.00–20.00	<b>University reception</b> (Lehtisali, Unioninkatu 34)		

## Thursday 28 March, 2019

9.30–10.30	<b>Plenary talk:</b> Joshua Wilbur: <i>Fieldwork and Grammaticography in a Digital World</i> (Lecture room 5)		
10.30–11.00	<b>Coffee</b> (2nd floor lobby)		
	<b>Lecture room 5</b> Chair: Andrej Kibrik	<b>Lecture room 13</b> Chair: Olle Kejonen	<b>Konsistorin sali</b> Chair: Olesya Khanina
11.00–11.30	Russell Barlow: <i>Detecting grammatical change in a previously undescribed endangered language</i>	Timofey Arkhangelskiy & Maria Usacheva: <i>Preparing a grammar of Beserman Udmurt</i>	Chiara Truppi: <i>Copulas in Kriyol: approaching a complex case of intralinguistic variation</i>
11.30–12.00	Maria Khachaturyan: <i>Grammaticality judgements in language contact: the case of Mano, Mande</i>	Rogier Blokland, Niko Partanen & Michael Rießler: <i>Closing the cycle of language documentation, corpus building and corpus-based description of Komi-Zyrian</i>	Riho Grünthal: <i>To be or not to be in Veps: reproducing the lack of copula in stative relational clauses</i>
12.00–12.30		Alexander Mankov: <i>Towards a Description of the Dialect of Gammalsvenskby</i>	Sergei Klimenko: <i>Voice alternations and non-actor orientedness in comitative verbs in Northern Luzon</i>
12.30–14.00	<b>Lunch</b>		
	<b>Lecture room 5</b> Chair: Rita Eloranta	<b>Lecture room 13</b>	<b>Konsistorin sali</b> Chair: Sergei Klimenko
14.00–14.30	Helen Plado: <i>The role of language variation in a grammar of threatened language without fixed standard: The case of Võro grammar</i>		Polina Nasledskova & Michael Daniel: <i>Elatives in Kina Rutul</i>

14.30–15.00	Martin Kohlberger: <i>The challenges and advantages of representing variation in grammars</i>		Ronald Schaefer & Francis Egbokhare: <i>Documentation: When Inflection Meets Tone</i>
15.00–15.30	Sonja Gipper & Katja Hannß: <i>Grammars as overlapping repertoires: Accommodating individual variation in language description using a community of practice framework</i>		Adam Singerman: <i>Finding reader-friendly ways to incorporate syntax into a grammar of Tupari</i>
15.30–16.00	<b>Coffee</b> (2nd floor lobby)		
	<b>Lecture room 5</b> Chair: Thera Crane	<b>Lecture room 13</b> Chair: Sonja Gipper	<b>Konsistorin sali</b> Chair: Rosa Vallejos
16.00–16.30	Eitan Grossman & Steven Moran: <i>What ‘contact typologists’ want from grammatical descriptions</i>	Karolina Grzech: <i>Low frequency items in descriptive grammars: A case study of epistemic discourse markers</i>	Andra Kalnača & Ilze Lokmane: <i>The Latvian debitive: morphosyntax, distribution and problems of description in grammar</i>
16.30–17.00	Anju Saxena, Anna Sjöberg & Padam Sagar: <i>Indo-Aryan loanword strata and the phoneme inventory of Kanashi</i>	Yang Huang: <i>On the Role of Natural Discourse Data on Grammar Writing</i>	Rasmus Bernander, Lotta Aunio, Antti Laine & Tim Roth: <i>Challenges constructing a multilectal grammar – the case of the Western Serengeti languages</i>
17.00–17.30	Olle Kejonen: <i>Variation and language contact within an underdescribed dialect of North Saami</i>		
19.00	<b>Conference dinner:</b> Restaurant Factory (Located at Aleksanterinkatu 13, 5 <sup>th</sup> floor.)		

## Friday 29 March, 2019

9.30–10.30	<b>Plenary talk:</b> Juha Janhunen: <i>On writing grammars: selected notes and observations</i> (Lecture room 5)	
10.30–11.00	<b>Coffee</b> (2nd floor lobby)	
	<b>Lecture room 5</b> Chair: Michael Rießler	<b>Konsistorin sali</b> Chair: Niko Partanen
11.00–11.30	Richard Kowalik: <i>Elder South Saami speaker's innovative language vs. prescriptive language: The impact of language description</i>	Svetlana Toldova & Maria Brykina: <i>Competing motion-cum-purpose strategies in Northern Selkup: a corpus study</i>
11.30–12.00	Etaferahu Tessema: <i>Description and sociolinguistic function of the secret language of Fedwet – least studied and endangered variety</i>	Merja Salo: <i>Functions of participials and gerunds in Northern Khanty</i>
12.00–12.30	Daria Zhornik, Sophie Pokrovskaya, Vladimir Plungian, Lev Kozlov: <i>Towards a corpus-based grammar of Upper Lozva Mansi: diachrony and variation</i>	Olyesa Khanina, Andrey Shluinsky & Maria Ovsjannikova: <i>Enets clause-combining: how it really works</i>
12.30–13.45	<b>Lunch</b>	
	<b>Lecture room 5</b> Chair: Karolina Grzech	<b>Konsistorin sali</b> Chair: Antti Laine
13.45–14.15	Anna Bugaeva: <i>'Indefinite' or 'antipassive'? Matching diachronic and synchronic approaches in the study of Ainu</i>	Oliver Kröger: <i>African Basic Grammar. Review and perspectives after 12 years</i>

14.15–14.45	Jorge Emilio Rosés Labrada: <i>Grammar Writing and Diachronic Typology: Friends or Foes?</i>	Maria Pupynina: <i>Language descriptions for teachers of minority languages</i>
14.45–15.15	Natalia Cáceres Arandia: <i>How historical syntax helps the description of uncommon grammatical features</i>	Péter Maitz & Siegwalt Lindenfelser: <i>Describing Unserdeutsch (Rabaul Creole German): Methodological and empirical challenges</i>
15.15–15.45	<b>Coffee</b> (2nd floor lobby)	
15.45–17.00	<b>Round table discussion</b> (Lecture room 5)	
17.00–17.15	<b>Closing words</b> (Lecture room 5)	