



# Subject: cognitive, typological and functional approaches

Tieteiden talo, Kirkkokatu 6, Helsinki

Programme (updated: September 9th, 2013)

Thursday, September 12th, 2013

9.30–10.30	Registration	
10.30–10.45	Opening words: Leena Kolehmainen (Lecture room 104)	
10.45–12.00	Keynote: Catherine Travis (Australian National University): <i>Exploring proposed cross-linguistic tendencies: A variationist approach to subject realization</i> (Lecture room 104)	
12.00–13.00	Lunch	
	Chair: Léa Huotari (Lecture room 401)	Chair: Maria Vilkuna (Lecture room 404)
13.00–13.30	Gloria Vázquez (Universitat de Lleida) & Ana Fernández Montraveta (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona): <i>Analysis of the annotation of syntactic subjects in the Spanish corpus SENSEM</i>	Nikolett F. Gulyás (Eötvös Loránd University): <i>Nothing personal: subject demotion in impersonal constructions of some Finno-Ugric languages</i>
13.30–14.00	Chiyo Nishida & Cinzia Russi (University of Texas at Austin): <i>Preverbal subjects in Italian and Spanish unaccusative constructions</i>	Merlijn De Smit (University of Turku): <i>Promotional and non-promotional passives in Old Finnish</i>
14.00–14.30	Tomohiro Yanagi (Chubu University): <i>On the subject status of dative nominals in to-infinitival clauses in earlier English</i>	
14.30–15.00	Coffee break (4th floor)	
	Chair: Milja Väänänen (Lecture room 401)	Chair: Hanna Parviainen (Lecture room 404)
15.00–15.30	Elke Nowak (Siegen University): <i>Ergativity, pronominal arguments and the polysynthetic nature of Inuktitut (Eskimo)</i>	Angela Bartens (University of Turku) & Eeva Sippola (University of Aarhus): <i>Subject null arguments in creole languages</i>
15.30–16.00	Wataru Nakamura (Tohoku University): <i>Deriving the notions of subject and topic from semantic roles</i>	Esa Itkonen (University of Turku): <i>Notes on subjecthood in Amazonia</i>
16.00–16.15	Break	
16.15–17.30	Keynote: Pekka Posio (University of Helsinki): <i>Pronominal subjects and lexical retention: variable expression of first person subjects in Spanish and Portuguese</i> (Lecture room 104)	
19.00	Conference dinner (Piritta, Eläintarhantie 12)	

## Friday, September 13th, 2013

10.00–10.30	Chair: Santeri Palviainen (Lecture room 401)  Elena Bratishenko (University of Calgary): <i>Morphological variation in Old East Slavic Dative absolute constructions</i>	
10.30–11.00	Ilja Seržant (University of Konstanz): <i>Subjecthood and the nominative case in Lithuanian</i>	
11.00–11.15	Break	
11.15–11.45	Chair: Meri Larjavaara (Lecture room 401)  Marja-Liisa Helasvuo (University of Turku): <i>Subject features and number: perspectives from Finnish conversational interaction</i>	Chair: Erika Sandman (Lecture room 404)  Kyongjoon Kwon (Sungkyunkwan University): <i>Demoted in syntax but strong in force agents</i>
11.45–12.15	Léa Huotari (University of Helsinki): <i>Are syntactic subjects more human in translation? A case-study in two small bi-directional corpora between the language pair French-Finnish</i>	Liina Lindström & Virve Vihman (University of Tartu): <i>The modal subject in Estonian neccessive constructions</i>
12.15–13.15	Lunch	
13.15–14.30	Keynote: Jóhanna Barðdal (University of Bergen): <i>Bottom-up and top-down approaches to subjecthood</i> (Lecture room 104)	
14.30–15.00	Coffee break (4th floor)	
15.00–15.30	Chair: Marja-Liisa Helasvuo (Lecture room 401)  Anton Zimmerling (Sholokhov Moscow State University for the Humanities): <i>Oblique subjects in Slavic and Germanic languages</i>	Chair: Sonja Dahlgren (Lecture room 404)  Ewa Zakrzewska (University of Amsterdam): <i>Postverbal nominal subjects in Bohairic Coptic: information structure, accessibility, synchrony and diachrony</i>
15.30–16.00	Laura Arman (University of Manchester): <i>Welsh impersonal verbs and their arguments</i>	Don Killian (University of Helsinki): <i>Subject from a Northeast African perspective: The case of Uduk</i>
16.00–16.15	Closing words (Lecture room 401)	