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“Construction Grammar(s) meets Cognitive Semantics: Theoretical, Lexicographic and Acquisitional Perspectives”

The seminar is intended to be a forum for the discussion of the notion of construction conceived of a learned pairing of form with semantic and discursive function, along with its psychological status based on language processing and acquisition. Specifically, the seminar aims to promote interaction and collaboration among researchers interested in areas of mainly (though not exclusively) present-day English such as: the definition of construction and its relation to similar alternative notions such as templates or fragments, the division of labour between lexical semantics and constructional semantics, the combination of constructions, the grammar-lexicon continuum, the interaction between lexical and constructional templates, coercion and/or metonymic operations, illocutionary constructions, database vs. knowledge-base dictionaries, the impact of frequency on the status of construction as well as a facilitatory factor of language learning, the role of constructions in a context-based view of grammaticalization, etc.

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Procedure for submitting paper proposals:

Those wishing to participate in the Conference are invited to submit 200-word abstracts of their proposed papers directly to the convenors of the seminar in question before 20 February 2010. The convenors will let the proponents know whether their proposals have been accepted no later than 28 February 2010. Oral presentations are expected to take 20 minutes plus 10 approximately for questions and/or further discussion.