

Grammar-Based Methods for Textual Analysis and Critical Reading

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Methodenseminar

Course Schedule (WS 2008/2009)

1 20.10.2008

Orientation: what is grammatical close reading and why should it work?

Introduction and first activities:

- What's happening in this text from a famous daily newspaper... ?
([pdf](#))
- Metafunctions
 - Quarry Text ([pdf](#))
 - Overheads ([ppt](#))

Reading:

- Bateman, J. (2004) Introduction to applying linguistics. Chapter 2: 'Places where meanings hide: a more detailed look at texts and their properties'. [pdf](#)
- Butt et al (2001) *Using functional grammar: an explorer's guide*. Macquarie: NCELTR. Extract: "Towards a functional grammar". pp22-44.



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2 27.10.2008

Ideational meanings: who did what to whom when—but this time linguistically!

Material and activities:

- The transitivity system: process types, evidence and analysis
- Text for working on in class ([jpg](#))

Homework:

- Analysis of the 'prisoner text' ([pdf](#))

Reading:

- Thompson (1996) *Introducing functional grammar*. London: Arnold. Chapter 5: "Representing the world: the experiential metafunction", pp76-116
- Butt et al (2001) *Using functional grammar: an explorer's guide*.



3 3.11.2008 **Using ideational analysis for text interpretation—practice**

Exercises:

- The prisoner text: analysed according to clauses and process types
- Who gets to do what?

4 10.11.2008 **Ideational analysis—advanced issues**

- Relational clauses
- Interpreting transitivity ideologically

5 17.11.2008 **Stylistics and transitivity**

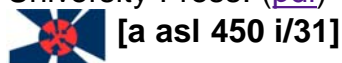
Activity:

- The relation between linguistic choices and style
- Texts for analysis from a literary work: *handouts*
- Method and goals of analysis
- Division into groups

6 24.11.2008 **Stylistics and transitivity: reports on analysis**

Reading:

- Halliday, M.A.K. (1971) Linguistic function and literary style: an enquiry into the language of William Golding's 'The Inheritors'. In: Chatman, S. (ed.) *Literary style: a symposium*. London: Oxford University Press. ([pdf](#))



7 1.12.2008 **Interpersonal meaning: negotiating and evaluating**

Activity:

- Text analysis ([link](#))

Reading:

- Thompson (1996) *Introducing functional grammar*. London: Arnold. Chapter 4: "Interaction in the clause: the interpersonal metafunction"

8 8.12.2008 **Interpersonal meaning: appraisal**

Activity:

- Analysing more advanced interpersonal manipulation
- Varying affect ([pdf](#))

9 15.12.2008 **Representing functional choices as system networks**

- Paradigmatic vs Syntagmatic functional descriptions
- Tools for working with networks of choice
- Analysis methods
- Discussion of practical work and analysis for after the break and *Hausarbeiten*

CHRISTMAS BREAK

10 5.1.2009 **Analysis Reports and Discussion of Problems: Hausarbeit preparation**

11 12.1.2009

12 19.1.2009

- online reports
- suggestion of problems and topics to be reviewed
- presentation of partial results and hypotheses

13 26.1.2009

14 2.2.2009
