

Language Change for the Worse

LMU-UCB Workshop, LMU Munich, May 25-28, 2017

Thursday, May 25, 2017

18:30 Warm-up (Max Emanuel Brauerei, Adalbertstraße 33, 80799 München)

Friday, May 26, 2017

Opening: Setting the scene

13:00 – 13:45 **Guido Seiler** *Introductory remarks*

13:45 – 14:30 **Frans Plank** *Change for the worst*

Session 1: Phonological and Morphosyntactic change for the worse I (Chair: Guido Seiler)

14:30 – 15:15 **Thomas Shannon** *For better or for worse: Language change and preference laws*

15:15 – 15:30 *Open discussion*

15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 – 16:45 **Thilo Weber** *'Do'-Support where it is needed the least?*

16:45 – 17:30 **Christine Elswiler & Judith Huber** *Loss of number in the English second person pronoun – a change for the worse, but due to a change for the better?*

17:30 – 18:15 **Tabea Reiner** *Language change for the worst – a completely superfluous new infinitive in German*

18:15 – 18:30 *Open discussion*

Saturday, May 27, 2017

Session 2: Phonological and Morphosyntactic change for the worse II (Chair: Thilo Weber)

09:00 – 09:45 **Aditi Lahiri** *Nonesuchas via phonological change: A pertinacity at its worst*

09:45 – 10:30 **Myriam Lapierre** *Post-oralization and devoicing of nasal consonants in Panará (Jê)*

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 11:45 **Matthew Faytak** *Fricativisation of high vowels as a motor planning improvement*

11:45 – 12:30 **Larry Hyman** *Analogy doesn't always lead to improvement – sometimes speakers just get it wrong*

12:30 – 13:15 **Veton Matoshi** *Variation of clitic doubling in Albanian dialects and its correlation to other syntactic changes*

13:15 – 13:30 *Open discussion*

13:30 – 15:00 *Lunch break*

15:00 – 15:45 **Christoph Hauf** *The demise of *cwepan* – change for the 'better' or for the 'worse'?*

Session 3: Focus on complexification (Chair: Oliver Schallert)

15:45 – 16:30 **Johanna Nichols** *For better and/or for worse: Complexity and person hierarchies*

16:30 – 17:00 *Coffee break*

17:00 – 17:45 **Andreas Hölzl** *The simplification and complexification of interrogative systems - the case of Tungusic*

17:45 – 18:00 *Open discussion*

19:00 Dinner (Georgenhof, Friedrichstraße 1, 80801 München)

Sunday, May 28, 2017

Session 4: Modelling and Semantic change for the worse (Chair: Dankmar Enke)

10:00 – 10:45 **Roland Mühlenbernd** *Grammaticalization and the loss of optimal grammars*

10:45 – 11:30 **Ashwini Deo** *Marathi tense marking: A window into the lexical encoding of tense meanings*

11:30 – 12:00 *Coffee break*

12:00 – 12:45 **Gerhard Jäger** *Deterioration of the linguistic environment*

Closing remarks

12:45 – 13:30 **Oliver Schallert**

13:30 – 14:30 *Open discussion and farewell*