

Call for papers

Full title: **On the Diachrony of Adverbial Clauses**

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Location: Tübingen, Germany
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Brief meeting description:

Subordinate clauses are one of the prominent examples illustrating the ability to generate recursive structures by a computational mechanism. Three types of subordinate clauses have usually been distinguished: i) complement clauses, ii) adverbial clauses, and iii) correlative/relative clauses. Although these clause types exhibit distinct dependency relationships with respect to the matrix clause, many authors have proposed to analyze them in a unified way (cf. Arsenijević 2009, Jędrzejowski & Umbach to appear, Geis 1970, Haegeman 2012, Krapova 2010, Moulton 2009, among many others). Diachronically, this is not surprising as one type of the subordinate clauses can develop out of another type (see Axel-Tober 2012, Deutscher 2000, Danckaert 2022, Eberhardt & Axel-Tober to appear, Weiß 2021, to name but a few).

The main aim of this conference is to bring together recent diachronic and theoretical investigations on adverbial clauses and contribute to a better understanding of to what extent adverbial clauses are diachronically related to the other types of subordinate clauses and under what conditions they emerge.

Topics for the conference include, but are not limited to, the following questions:

- How do adverbial clauses originate? Do they originate in subordinate environments and involve (only) a restructuring of the CP domain or can they also emerge out of coordinative structures presupposing a radical reorganization of the entire clause structure?
- What kind of syntactic/semantic processes does the diachrony of adverbial clauses evoke? How do formal features change and how do these changes affect the subordination system in general?
- How does not-at-issue meaning of adverbial clauses emerge? What role do presuppositions / implicatures play in the development of adverbial clauses?

At this conference we would like to address syntactic as well as semantic issues relating to the diachrony of adverbial clauses, including cross-linguistic patterns and case studies from less known languages.

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The international conference “On the Diachrony of Adverbial Clauses” is the second meeting of the scientific network “Adverbial clauses and subordinate dependency relationships” founded by German Science Foundation granted to Łukasz Jędrzejowski (grant number 455700544). The conference will be hosted by the English Department at the University of Tübingen, on January 27–28, 2023, and is co-organized by Sam Featherston and Łukasz Jędrzejowski.

Invited speakers (confirmed):

Theresa Biberauer (University of Cambridge, UK)
Augustin Speyer (Saarland University, Germany)

Call for papers:

We invite submission of abstracts for 30-minute oral presentations (with additional 15 minutes for questions) on topics that address conditions of emergence and the development of adverbial clauses. These may include case studies, studies of trends, corpus results, as well as formal theories of particular adverbial clause types. We also welcome research at the interfaces with other linguistic areas, as long as the research makes a contribution to the area of the diachrony of adverbial clauses. Preference will be given to theoretically oriented papers and novel case studies.

Abstracts should be submitted in PDF format to adverbial-clauses@uni-koeln.de, with all non-standard fonts embedded. Abstracts should not exceed 3 pages, which includes the data. An additional fourth page may be used for references. Abstracts must be submitted in letter or A4 format with 1 inch or 2.5cm margins on all sides, single-spaced, and in a font no smaller than 11pt. Abstracts should be anonymous. Please make sure that PDF files do not have any identifying metadata. Submissions are limited to one individual and one joint abstract per author (or two joint abstracts per author).

Please submit abstracts to adverbial-clauses@uni-koeln.de no later than January 6, 2023.

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