

Call for papers

Full title: **Mood alternation in adverbial clauses**

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Meeting description:

Every clause is associated with a specific intention and bears a specific mood expressing a propositional attitude. As a morphological device for coding modality, mood is used in independent and subordinate clauses. In some (cross-linguistic) cases, a single clause type allows the use of distinct moods creating mood alternation and triggering different interpretative effects. Mood choice is therefore not random, but a systematic grammatical phenomenon that has attracted much attention in the literature (cf. Quer 1998, Becker & Remberger 2010, Błaszczak et al. 2016, Portner 2018, Giannakidou & Mari 2021, among many others). Several attempts have been made to identify the relevant principles that account for mood selection and alternation, not only in independent clauses (cf. e.g. Lohnstein 2000), but also in complement clauses (cf. Marques 2009, Mari & Portner 2021, Nematollahi 2023) and relative clauses (cf. Farkas 1982, Borgonovo et al. 2015, Coniglio 2017). However, apart from selected case studies less is known about mood alternation in adverbial clauses.

The main aim of the workshop is to bring together recent theoretical and experimental investigations on mood alternation in adverbial clauses to better understand what role modality plays in the interpretation and the derivation of adjunct clauses. We furthermore hope to gain novel theoretical insights into how adverbial subordinate dependency relationships work and, through synergy effects, to provide a deeper understanding of how mood as a grammatical category is used in subordinate contexts.

The international workshop on "Mood alternation in adverbial clauses" is organized as part of the scientific network "Adverbial clauses and subordinate dependency relationships" funded by German Science Foundation granted to Łukasz Jędrzejowski (grant number 455700544). The conference will be hosted by the 'Institut für Deutsche und Niederländische Philologie' at the Free University of Berlin, on April 4, 2024, and is organized by Łukasz Jędrzejowski and Andreas Pankau.

Invited speakers (confirmed):

Anastasia Giannakidou (University of Chicago)
Josep Quer (Pompeu Fabra University)

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

- Which moods alternate in adverbial clauses? What interpretive effects follow from the choice of a particular mood? What does mood alternation teach us about subordinate dependency relationships between the matrix clause and the adverbial clause?
- What factors trigger a mood competition in adverbial clauses? How does the mood interact with other grammatical categories/concepts, e.g. with temporality, negation, veridicality, etc.?
- How can we account for cross-linguistic differences in mood alternation in a particular adverbial clause type? Why do, for example, concessive clauses in Icelandic and Portuguese select the subjunctive, whereas their English and Polish counterparts take the indicative (cf. Harris 1988, Quer 2001)?
- How did mood alternation work in older stages and how did it change over time? What factors triggered the change (cf. Grund & Walker 2006, Jones & Macleod 2020, Coniglio et al. 2021)?
- How do language contact situations affect mood choice in adverbial clauses (cf. Silva-Corvalán 1994, Viner 2018, de Prada Pérez et al. 2023)?

At this workshop we would like to address syntactic and semantic issues relating to mood alternation including cross-linguistic patterns and case studies from less known languages.

The workshop will be followed by an international conference on adverbial clauses used in argument positions.

We invite submission of abstracts for 40-minute oral presentations (with additional 20 minutes for questions) on topics that address mood alternation in adverbial clauses. These may include case studies as well as formal theories of particular adverbial clause types. We also welcome research at the interfaces with semantics and other areas, as long as the research makes a contribution to the area of mood alternation in adverbial clauses.

Abstracts should be submitted in PDF format to adverbial-clauses@uni-koeln.de, with all non-standard fonts embedded. Abstracts should not exceed 2 pages, which includes the data. An additional third 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 March 5, 2024.

Notification: March 8, 2024

For inquiries, please send an e-mail to adverbial-clauses@uni-koeln.de

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