

Call for papers

Full title: **On the Syntax of Adverbial Clauses in Insular Scandinavian and Övdalian**

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Brief meeting description

A growing body of research has shown that adverbial clauses have a much more intricate syntax than previously thought, providing a wealth of new empirical findings. For instance, they differ dramatically with respect to what kind of root phenomena they can host and what their adjoin position is (cf. Badan & Haegeman 2022, Frey 2023a,b, and Schönenberger & Haegeman 2023). Selected types of adverbial clauses are also claimed to be noun modifiers and exhibit properties of relative clauses (cf. Arsenijević 2021, Donati 1997). This is not surprising however, as adverbial subordinations often contain nominal elements (see Blümel & Pitsch 2019 for an overview and Sigurðsson 1981 for Icelandic).

The main aim of this workshop is to bring together colleagues working on the syntax of adverbial clauses in Faroese, Icelandic and Övdalian, and contribute to a better understanding of adverbial dependency relationships in the domain of clause-linkage. The workshop is planned as a syntactic endeavor. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, the following topics:

– Although (selected types of) adverbial clauses have been examined in Icelandic (cf. Angantýsson 2020, Angantýsson & Jonas 2020, Angantýsson & Jędrzejowski 2023, Gärtner & Eythórsson 2020, 2023) studies devoted to adverbial clauses in Faroese and Övdalian are almost non-existent. And even though various observations on subordinate clauses have been made (see, for instance, Barnes 1987, Thráinsson et al. 2004, Heycock et al. 2010), there is still much to uncover. How adverbial clauses are introduced, what their internal and external syntax is, and what kind of variation they exhibit in the individual languages are central questions addressed at the workshop.

– Independent studies have shown that Faroese, Icelandic and Övdalian differ in many respects (see in particular the case studies collected in Thráinsson et al. 2007 and Bentzen et al. 2015 as well as Angantýsson 2015, 2020, and Garbacz 2010, 2015). Nevertheless, not much is known about variation of adverbial clauses in these languages. In this context, we welcome novel contributions discussing the syntax of adverbial clauses from a comparative perspective.

– Remarkably, Faarlund (2004: 269–270) observes that in Old Norse many types of subordinate clauses with an adverbial function have the form of a relative clause, moreover complementizers introducing adverbial clauses also existed, specifically, as *meðan* ‘while’, *unz* ‘until’, or *ef* ‘if’. Here, we are interested in contributions examining the origin and development of adverbial clauses as well as their syntactic distribution in contact situations (cf., for example, Arnbjörnsdóttir et al. 2018 for North-American Icelandic).

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Call for papers:

We welcome submission of abstracts for 30-minute presentations (with additional 15 minutes for questions) on topics that address the syntax of adverbial clauses in Insular Scandinavian and Övdalian. These may include case studies, studies of trends, corpus findings, 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 adverbial clauses. Preference will be given to theoretically oriented papers and novel case studies.

Abstracts should be submitted as a PDF format to adverbial-clauses@uni-koeln.de, with all non-standard fonts embedded. Abstracts should not exceed 3 pages in length, which includes all (corpus) data/examples. 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 March 10, 2023.

Submission deadline: March 10, 2023

Notification: March 20, 2023

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