

Call for papers

Full title: **Adverbial Clauses: New Horizons**

Date: March 9-10, 2026

Location: Berlin, Germany

Organizers: Andreas Pankau (Free University of Berlin) &
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Call deadline: October 30th, 2025

Meeting description:

Over the past years, the international scientific network *Adverbial Clauses and Subordinate Dependency Relationships*, funded by the German Science Foundation (grant no. 455700544), has brought together a growing body of scholars to investigate the structure, function, and variation of adverbial clauses from a range of theoretical and empirical perspectives. The conferences have addressed their syntax, semantics, prosody, diachrony, typology, and cross-linguistic variation.

The closing conference "Adverbial clauses: New horizons" aims to synthesize these insights, reflect on unresolved questions, and open new avenues for research. By inviting contributions that challenge traditional classifications and explore under-investigated phenomena, the event provides a platform to reassess the status of adverbial clauses within the broader context of clause linkage, dependency, and interface phenomena, and to lay the groundwork for an international research group on adverbial clauses.

The international conference "Adverbial clauses: New horizons" is organized as part of the scientific network *Adverbial Clauses and Subordinate Dependency Relationships*, funded by the German Science Foundation (grant number 455700544) and granted to Łukasz Jędrzejowski. The network is currently led by Andreas Pankau. The conference will be hosted by the *Institut für Deutsche und Niederländische Philologie* at the Free University of Berlin on March 9–10, 2026, and is organized by Andreas Pankau and Łukasz Jędrzejowski.

Invited speakers (all confirmed):

Norbert Corver (Utrecht University)
Joachim Jacobs (University of Wuppertal)
Richard Larson (Stony Brook University)
Roland Meyer (HU Berlin)

Call for papers:

We invite the submission of abstracts for 40-minute oral presentations (plus an additional 20 minutes for questions) on topics that explore new perspectives on adverbial clauses. These may include case studies as well as formal analyses of specific adverbial clause types. We also welcome research at the interfaces, as long as it contributes to the broader understanding of adverbial clauses.

We particularly welcome contributions that draw connections across previously discussed themes (e.g., syntactic integration and prosody, mood and subordination, diachrony and typology), revisit controversial claims, and explore implications for general linguistic theory. We also encourage theoretically informed contributions grounded in cross-linguistic, diachronic, or experimental data.

Abstracts should be submitted in PDF format to Andreas.Pankau@fu-berlin.de and lukasz.jedrzejowski@uia.no, with all non-standard fonts embedded. Abstracts must not exceed two pages, including data. An additional third page may be used for references. Submissions should be in letter or A4 format, with 1-inch (2.5 cm) margins on all sides, single-spaced, and in a font no smaller than 11 pt. Abstracts must be anonymous. Please ensure that PDF files do not contain any identifying metadata. Each author may submit one individual and one joint abstract, or two joint abstracts.

Please submit abstracts to Andreas.Pankau@fu-berlin.de and lukasz.jedrzejowski@uia.no no later than October 30, 2025.

Notification: 14 November 2025

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