

Typology: Analyzing Linguistic Diversity across Languages of the World

Sommer Semester 2017

Module: Variation, Evolution, and Change

Type: Hauptseminar

Room: Seminarraum 001, VG Wilhelmstraße 19

Duration: 19.04.2017 - 26.07.2017

Time: Wednesday 14-16 c.t.

Webpage: http://www.christianbentz.de/teaching_typo2017.html

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1 Course Requirements

- Participants are required to work on one of the proposed projects and give a presentation (either alone or in groups).
- for **bachelor students**: shared project (with one or two other students)
- for **master students**: single project
- the course is worth **6 CP**

2 Project

- Based on your preferences, you will be assigned to a project.

You will need to:

- 1) discuss the hypothesis given in the project with reference to the literature
- 2) collect relevant data
- 3) test the hypothesis based on the data
- 4) discuss your results

The outcome of your project has to be

- a) presented in one of the presentation sessions
- b) written up as a short paper (in between 2000-4000 words, roughly corresponding to up to 6 pages). The **deadline for paper submission is 31.07.2017**

3 Registration

Send an email as soon as possible to chris@christianbentz.de with the following information:

- your first and last name
- your student ID (Matrikelnummer)
- the semester you are in, and whether you are a bachelor or a master student
- your major and minor subject (“exchange student” is fine as well)
- your native language (out of interest, you don’t have to provide this)
- which projects you would like to be involved in (name three in order of preference)

4 Access to Slides and Materials

- There is a course website at http://www.christianbentz.de/teaching_typo2017.html with updated information, and where slides are going to be uploaded

5 Course Schedule

19.04.	Session 01: Introduction and Overview Outline of the course, projects available for presentation, overview of language families
26.04.	Session 02: Introduction and Overview Language, phylogenetic and structural diversity
03.05.	Session 03: Databases and Sampling Databases available on the internet, caveats of data sampling
10.05.	Session 04: Phonetics/Phonology and The Lexicon Diversity of sound systems, the concept of core vocabulary
17.05.	Session 05: Morphology Morphological complexities across languages of the world
24.05.	Session 06: Word Order Order of phrasal components
31.05.	Session 07: Presentations I Mini conference with student presentations about their projects
07.06.	No Session
14.06.	Session 08: Presentations II Mini conference with student presentations about their projects
21.06.	Session 09: Presentations III Mini conference with student presentations about their projects
28.06.	Session 10: Presentations IV Mini conference with student presentations about their projects
05.07.	No Session
12.07.	Session 11: Presentations V Mini conference with student presentations about their projects
19.07.	No Session
26.07.	Session 12: Presentations VI Mini conference with student presentations about their projects