
Coexistence, competition, and change: Perspectives on structural borrowing and the dynamics of asymmetric language contact

Final discussion

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In this final session we aim to open the forum for a discussion on some of the general issues addressed in this workshop in which we will have addressed structural borrowing and the dynamics of asymmetric language contact from different theoretical perspectives.

Issues that might be addressed include but are not limited to:

- What do we know about the interplay of internal and external factors affecting the outcomes of language contact?
- Does lexical borrowing open a door to structural borrowing under specific circumstances?
- What factors contribute to the diffusion of or resistance to the importation of structural features?
- How do we distinguish between variation and change?
- How do traditional linguistic theories cope with the dynamics of language contact?
- What do dynamic models contribute to our understanding of language contact and change?
- Are borrowing hierarchies universal or conditioned by the languages involved?
- What is the scope and what are the limits of syntactic creativity in asymmetric language contact?