International Workshop on

Information Structure and Word Order Variation in older Germanic

November, 9th - 10th 2007 in Berlin, Dorotheenstrasse 24, room. 3.246
hosted by SFB 632, Project B4, HU Berlin

SCHEDULE

Friday, Nov 9th

Section A  Word Order Variation in the Left Periphery

9.30 – 10.30  Marit Westergaard (Tromsø):
Micro-cues and Information Structure: Historical Change from the Perspective of First Language Acquisition

– coffee break –

11.00 – 12.00  Kristin Bech (Oslo):
Discourse Relations and Old English Word Order

12.00 – 13.00  Svetlana Petrova (Berlin):
Discourse properties and the structure of the left periphery in Old High German

– lunch –

15.00 – 16.00  Marit Westergaard (Tromsø) & Ans van Kemenade (Nijmegen):
Syntax and Information Structure: the diverse nature of V2 in early English

Section B  OV/VO in English

16.00 – 17.00  Susan Pintzuk (York) & Ann Taylor (York):
Factors affecting verb-object order in Old and Middle English

– coffee break –

17.30 – 18.30  Tanja Miličev (Novi Sad):
Clause-internal scrambling and focus movement in Old English

18.30 – 19.30  Ans van Kemenade (Nijmegen):
Word order and demonstrative pronouns: OV order and information structure
Saturday, Nov 10th

**Section C  OV/VO in German and Yiddish**

9.30 – 10.30  Oliver Schallert (Salzburg):
*OV, VO, and OV/VO orders in Older German: Syntactic optionality as “basin” for syntactic change*

– coffee break –

11.00 – 12.00  Christopher D. Sapp (Mississippi):
*OV and VO in Early New High German: Discourse and other factors*

12.00 – 13.00  Roland Hinterhölzl (Berlin):
*Prosodic and information-structural constraints in mixed word orders*

– lunch –

**Section D  Theoretical and empirical arguments for basic VO or OV order**

15.00 – 16.00  Sten Vikner (Aarhus):
*The SVO/SOV-question and Verb Particle Constructions in Danish, German and Yiddish*

16.00 – 17.00  Hubert Haider (Salzburg):
*Encounters of the third kind - On the hybrid headedness property of Old Germanic language*

– coffee break –

17.30 – 18.00  Discussion