

# 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 Milićev (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